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THE WORLD'S MOST WAY PAST COOL COMIC!

SONIC™

THE HEDGEHOG



SAFORD

FOR THOSE
OF YOU JUST
JOINING US,
PRINCESS SALLY
HAS JUST WED
ANTOINE
D'COOLETTE...

YOU MAY NOW
KISS THE
BRIDE!

AND FOR THOSE
OF YOU STILL
STUNNED BY
THE TURN OF
EVENTS DEPICTED
LAST ISSUE, WE
DIRECT YOUR
ATTENTION TO
THE HAPPY
COUPLE...

I FEEL
AWFUL!

THIS IS NOT
THE WEDDING
DAY I ALWAYS
IMAGINED!

SACRE
BLEU! I AM
JUST A STEP
AWAY FROM
BECOMING
LE KING!

IT WON'T
BE MUCH
LONGER--

--BEFORE KING
ACORN LIES
DEAD, ENABLING
ME TO SEIZE LE
CROWN!

SMILE
FOR THE
CAMERAS, MY
QUEEN!

OUR
SUBJECTS
EXPECT
OUR
BEST!

THE THINGS
ONE DOES IN
THE NAME
OF DUTY!

EXACTLY!

BUT WHAT OF
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

DOES HE NO LONGER
CARE FOR THE FAIR
SALLY? HAVE THE
TWO GROWN THAT
FAR APART?

IN A WORD,
NO.

FOR IF THE PRINCESS OF
ACORN COULD SEE HER
TRUE BELOVED, SHE
WOULD FIND HIM MEETING
WITH THE ONE BEING
CAPABLE OF ALTERING
THE COURSE OF EVENTS...

--AND SO
I CAME TO
YOU--

--TO--TO
ASK--

--IF YOU CAN
SAVE SALLY FROM
MAKING THE
BIGGEST
MISTAKE OF
HER LIFE!

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Part 2

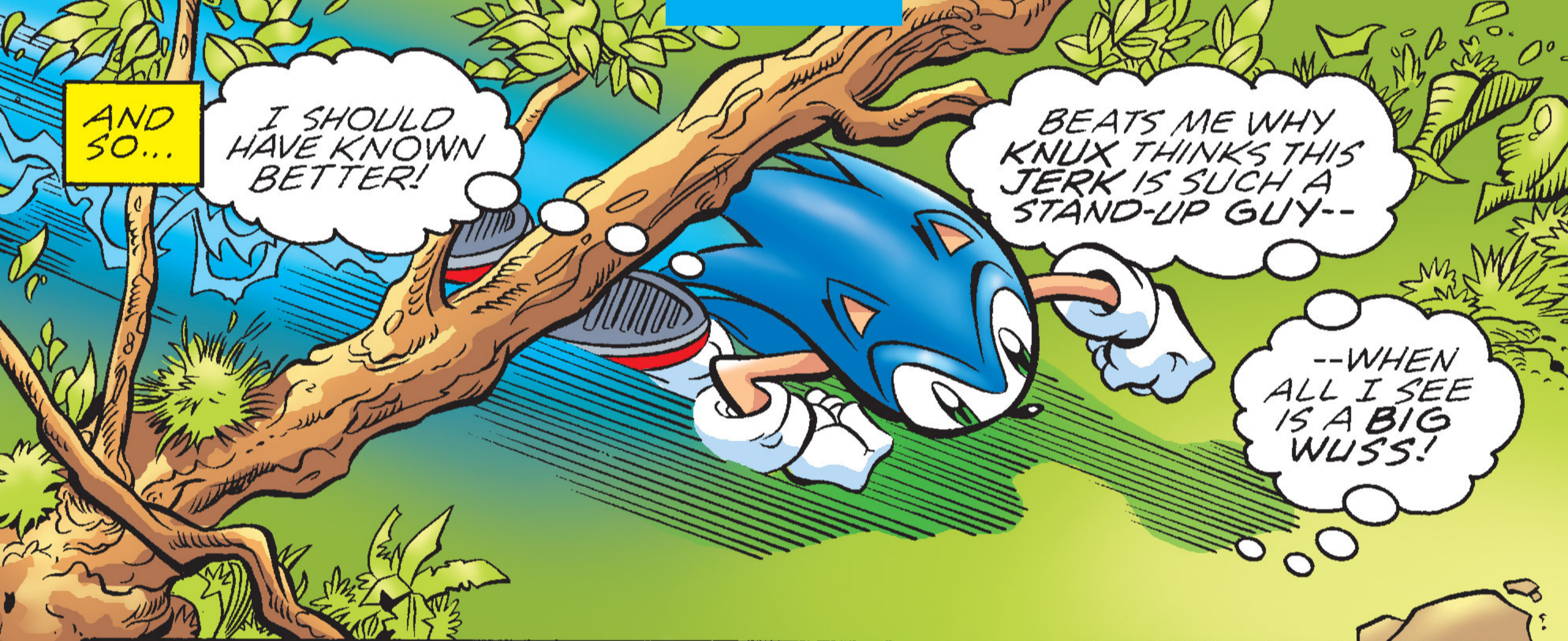
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SALLY HAS
EARNED HER
RIGHT TO BE
QUEEN!

FOR ME TO
INTERFERE
AT THIS HOUR
WOULD BE
UNCONSCION-
ABLE!

BUT--

THAT IS
ALL! THIS
MEETING IS
OVER!

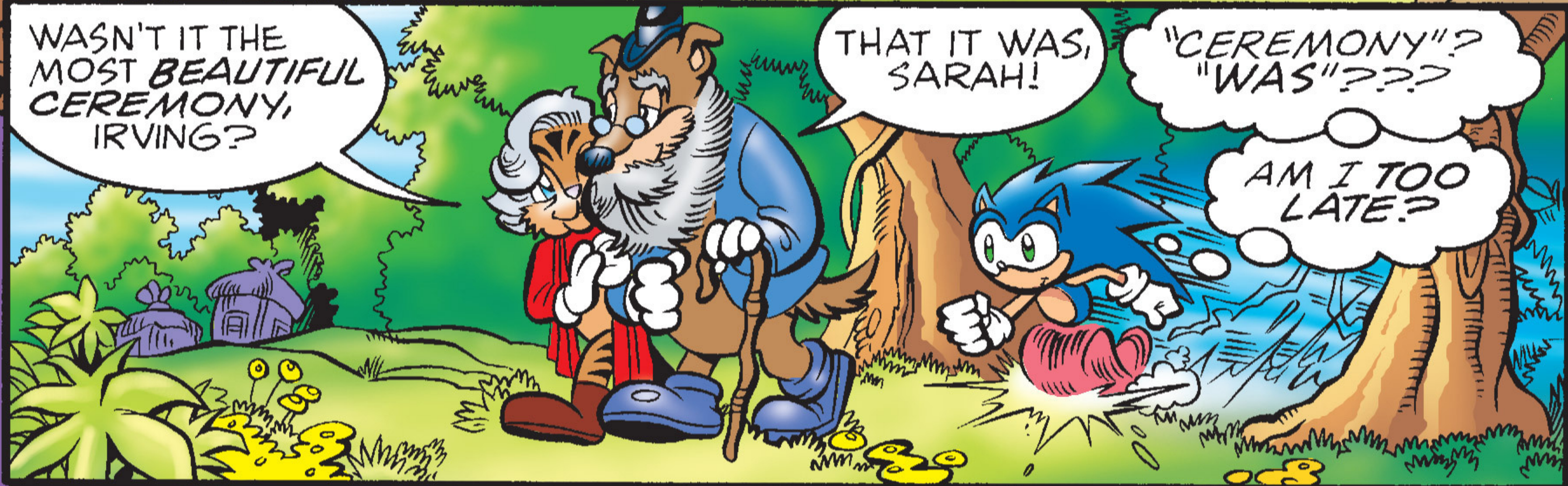


AND
SO...

I SHOULD
HAVE KNOWN
BETTER!

BEATS ME WHY
KNUX THINKS THIS
JERK IS SUCH A
STAND-UP GUY--

--WHEN
ALL I SEE
IS A **BIG**
WUSS!



WASN'T IT THE
MOST *BEAUTIFUL*
CEREMONY,
IRVING?

THAT IT WAS,
SARAH!

"CEREMONY"?
"WAS"???

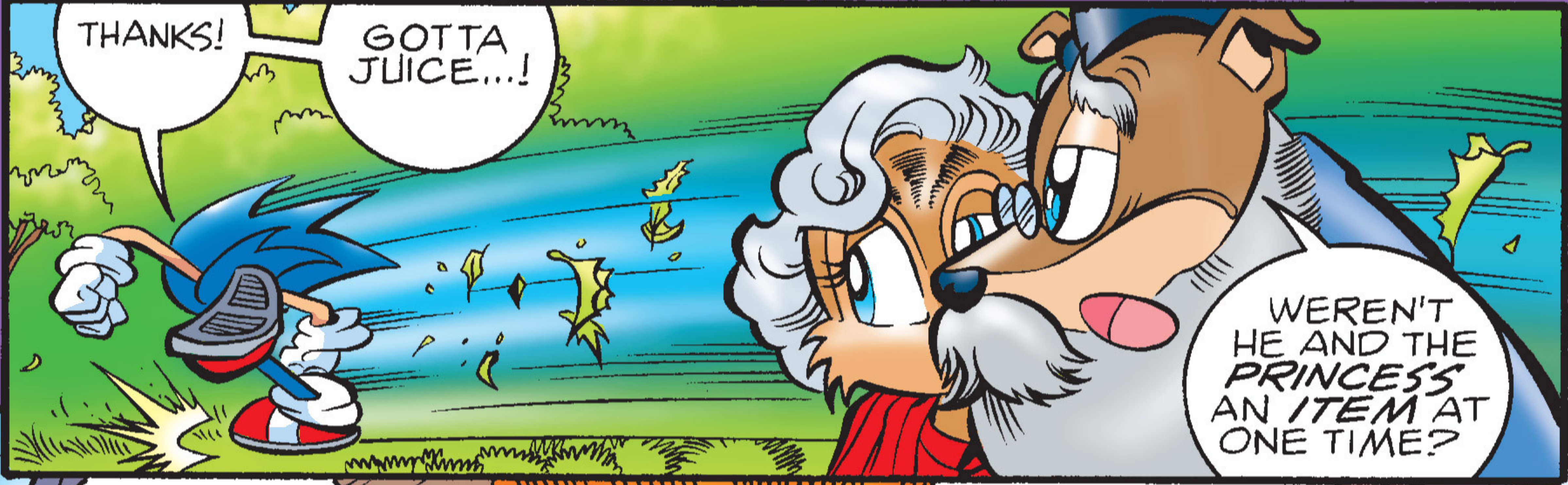
AM I TOO
LATE?



EXCUSE ME,
BUT WHERE'S
THE **WEDDING**
TAKING
PLACE?

OH, YOU JUST
MISSED IT!

THE *COUPLE* AND
ALL THE *GUESTS*
ARE NOW AT THE
BANQUET
HALL!



THANKS!

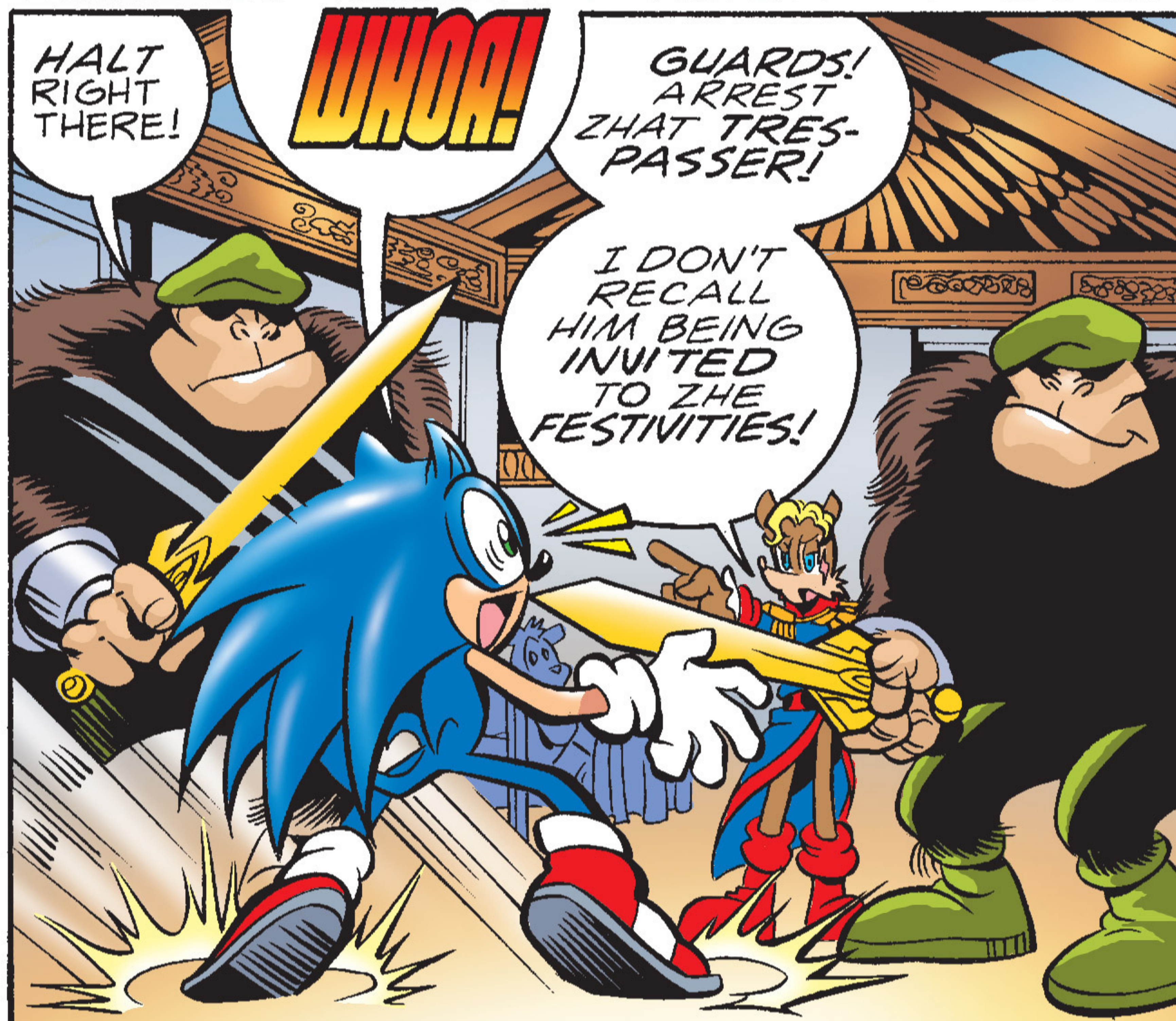
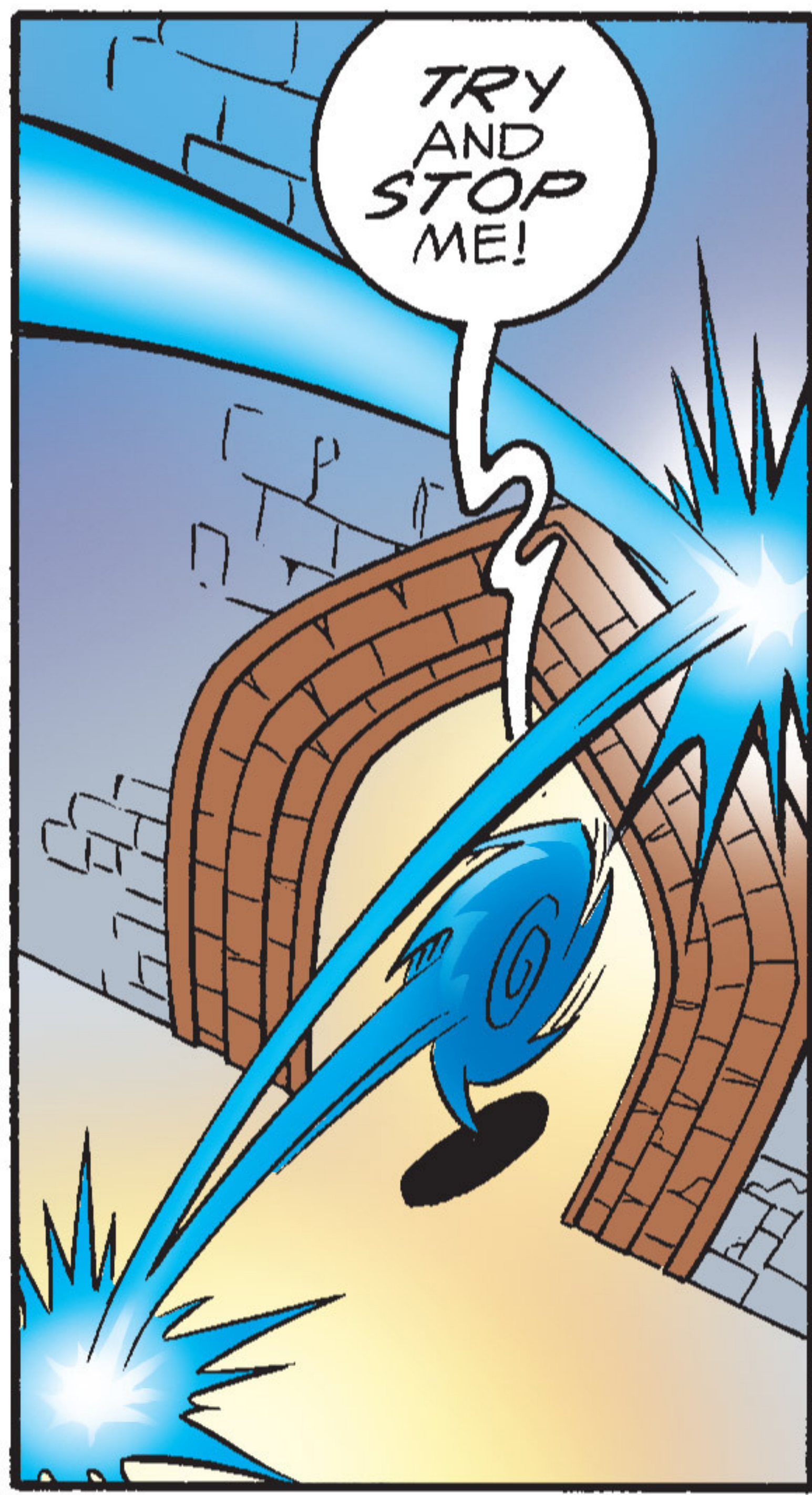
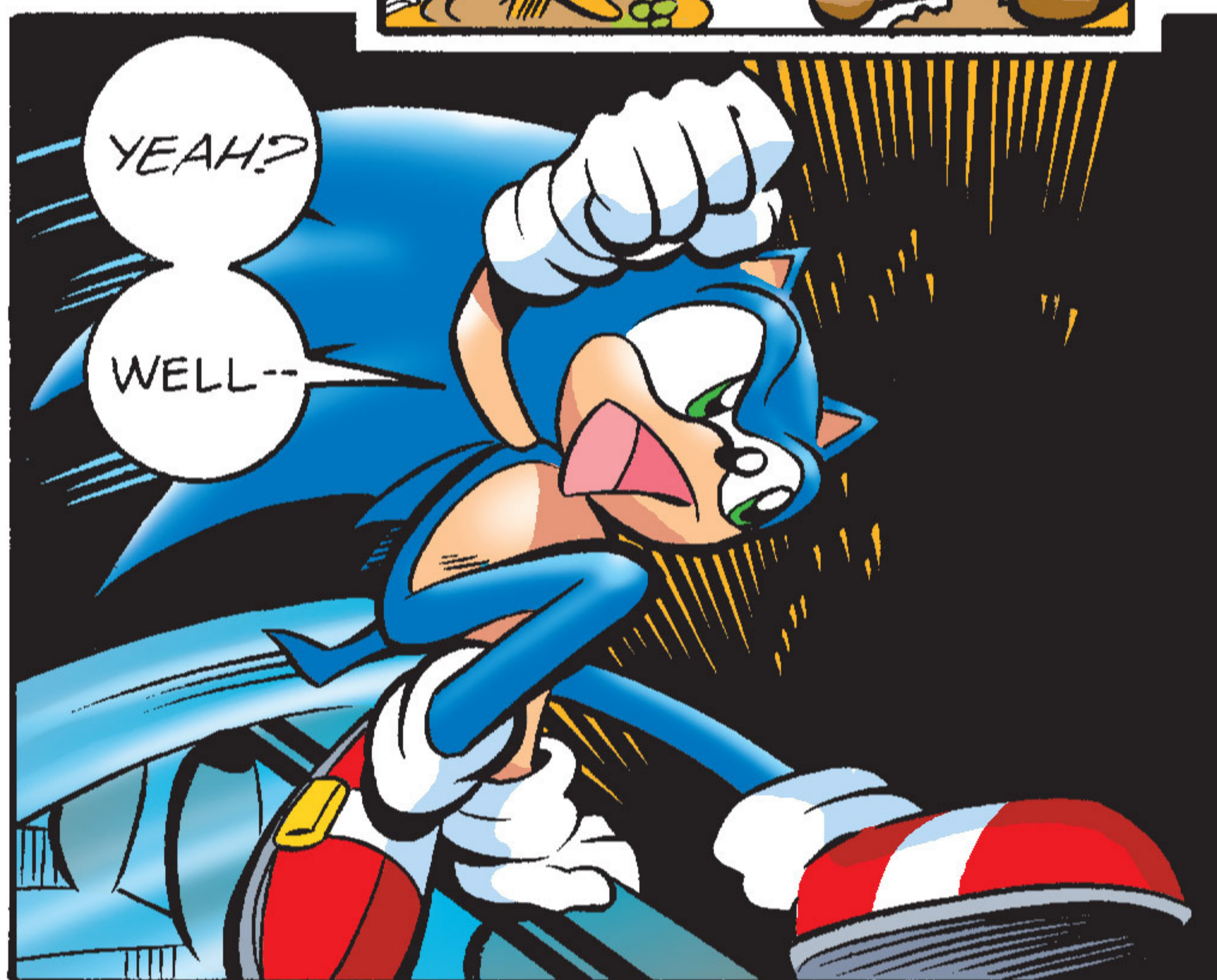
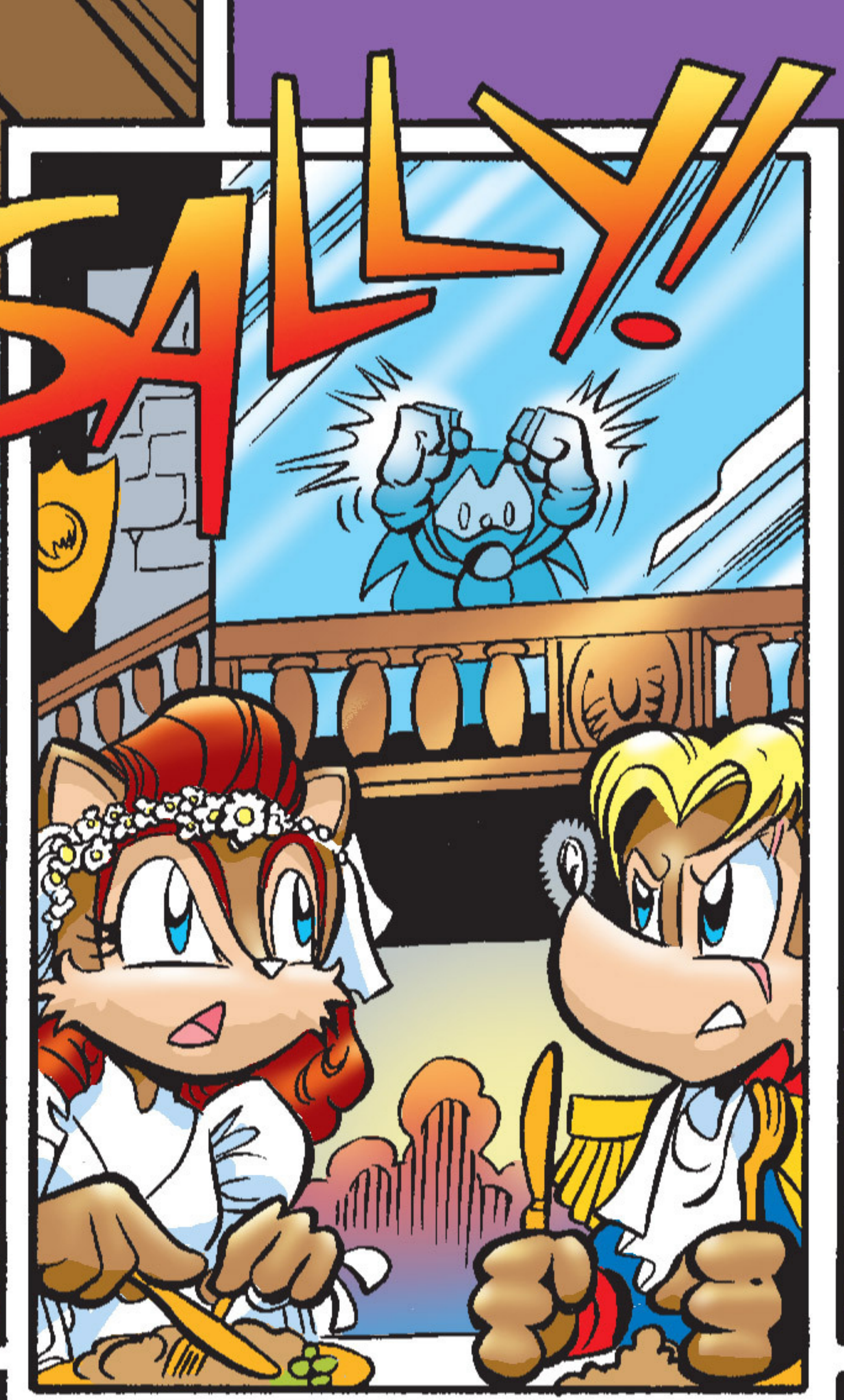
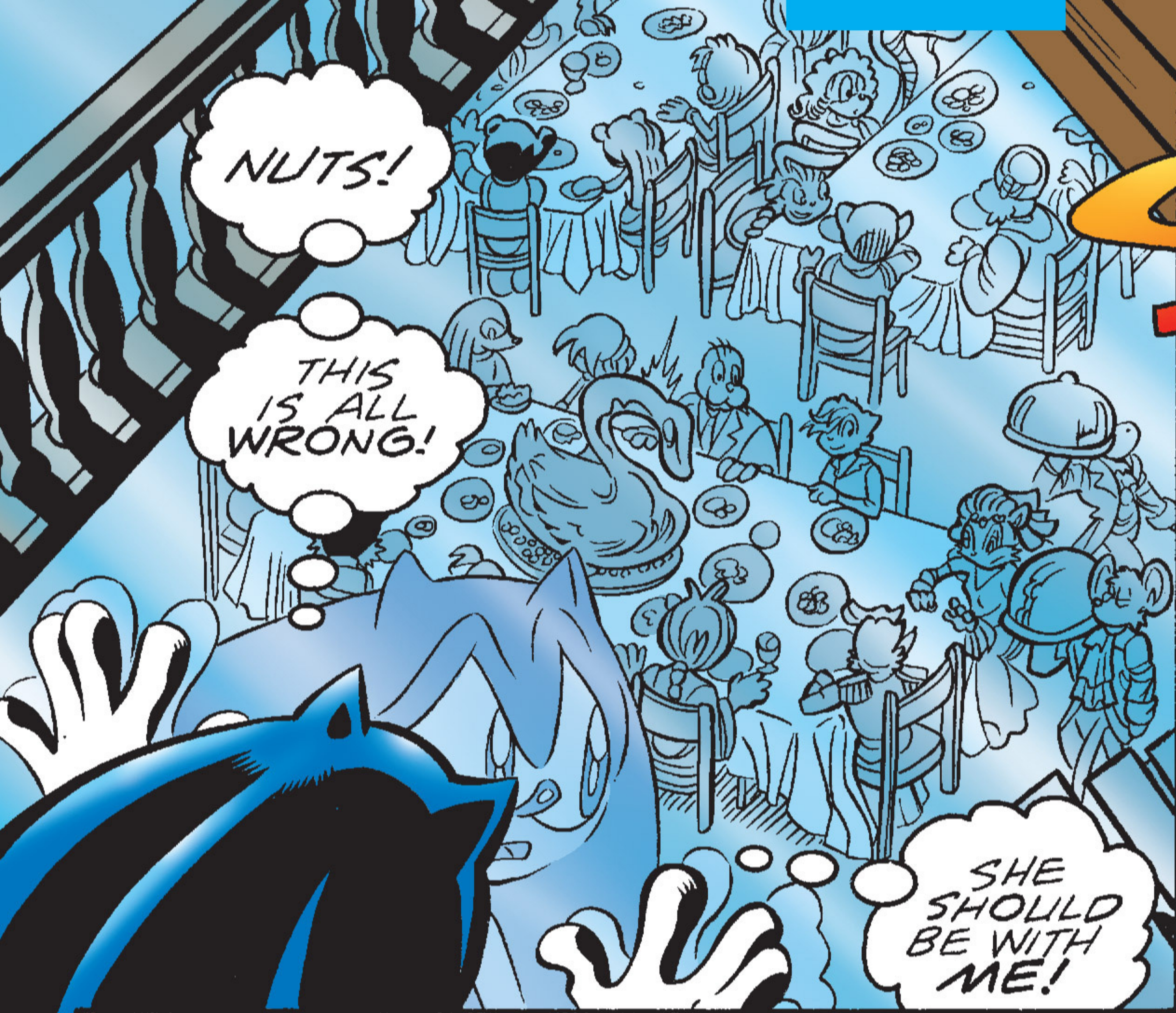
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JUICE...!

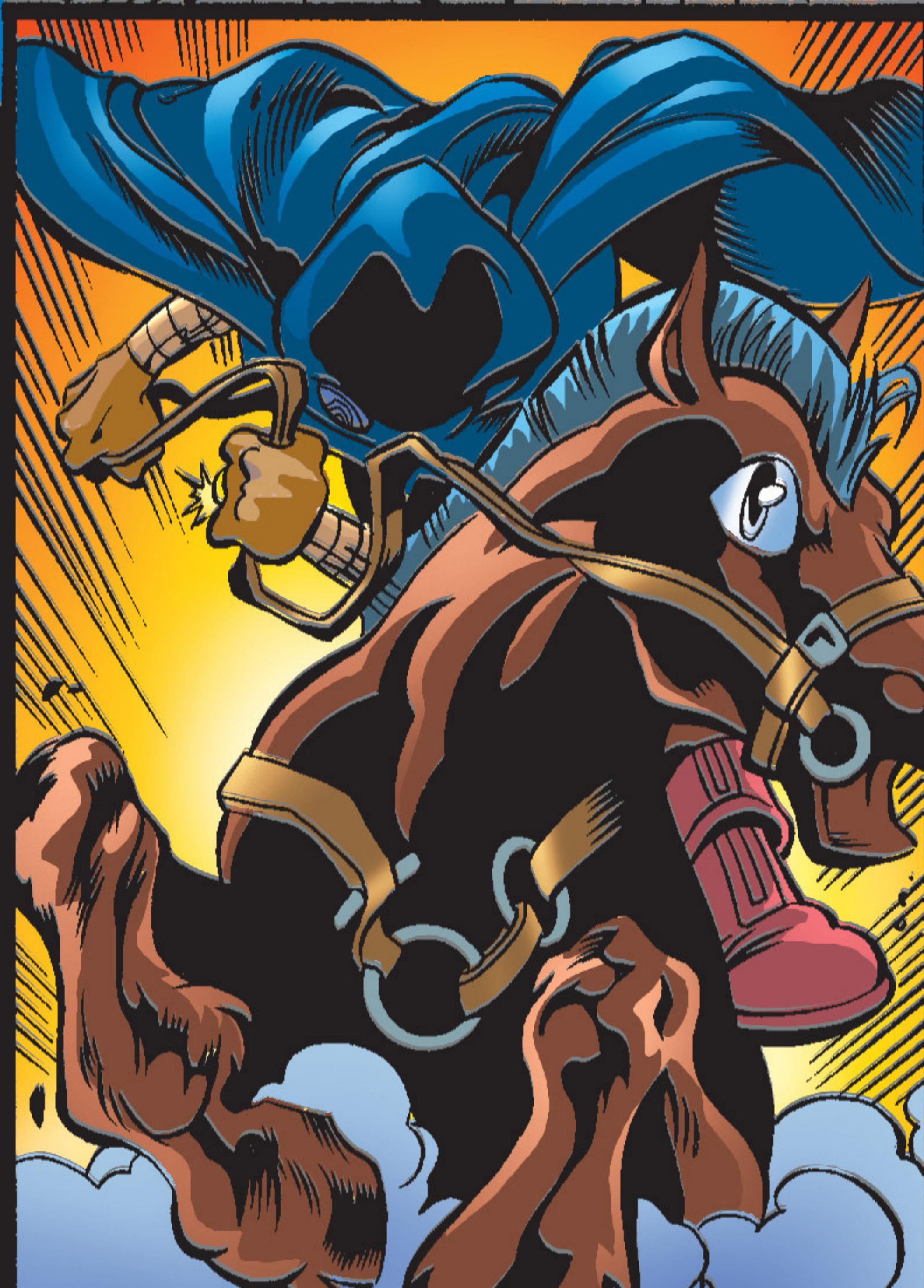
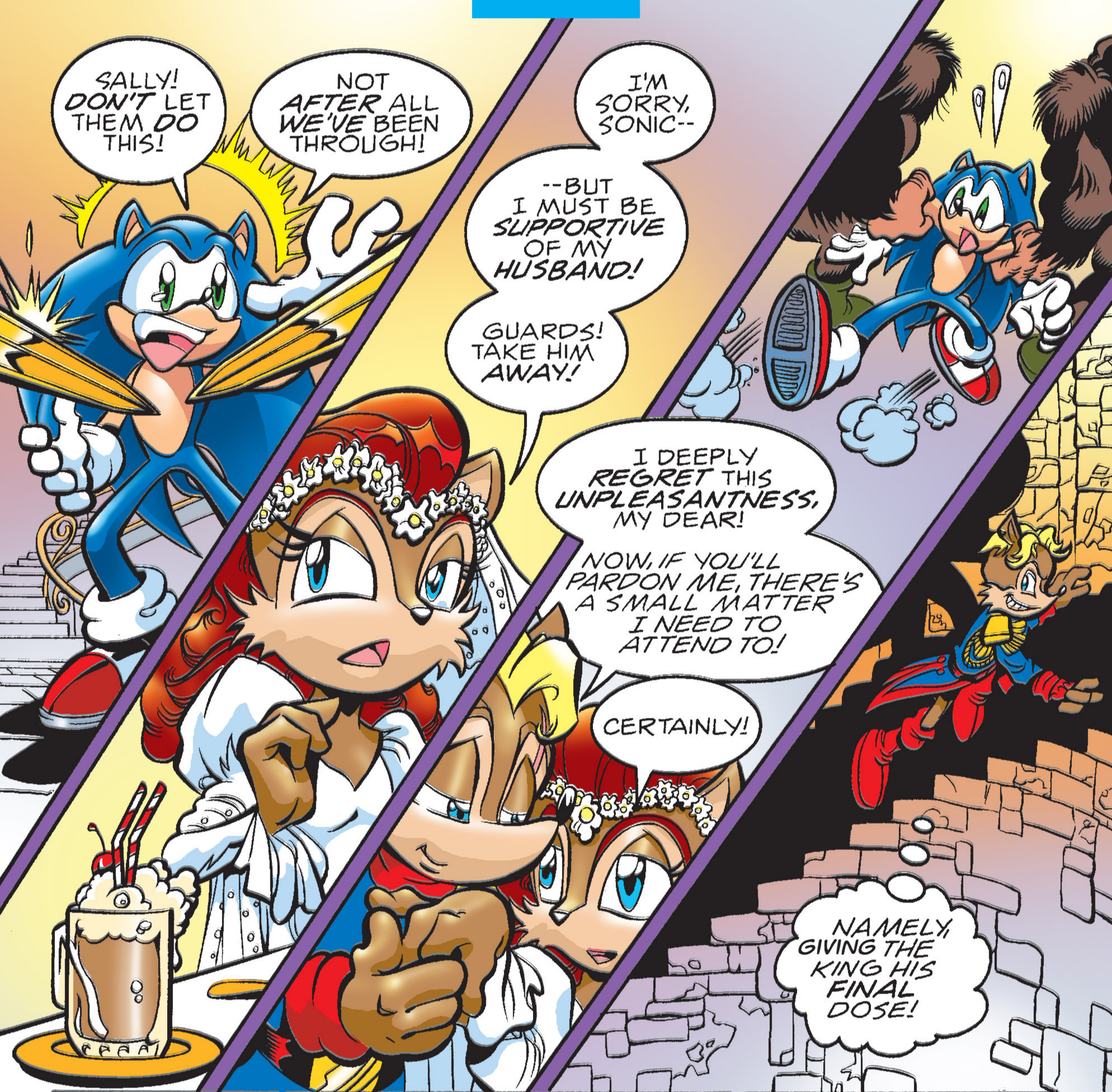
WEREN'T
HE AND THE
PRINCESS
AN *ITEM* AT
ONE TIME?



WHAT I
DON'T GET
IS--WHY
NOW?

AND IF I HAD
STAYED AT HER
SIDE, WOULD WE
BE DOING THE
SAME?







HALT!

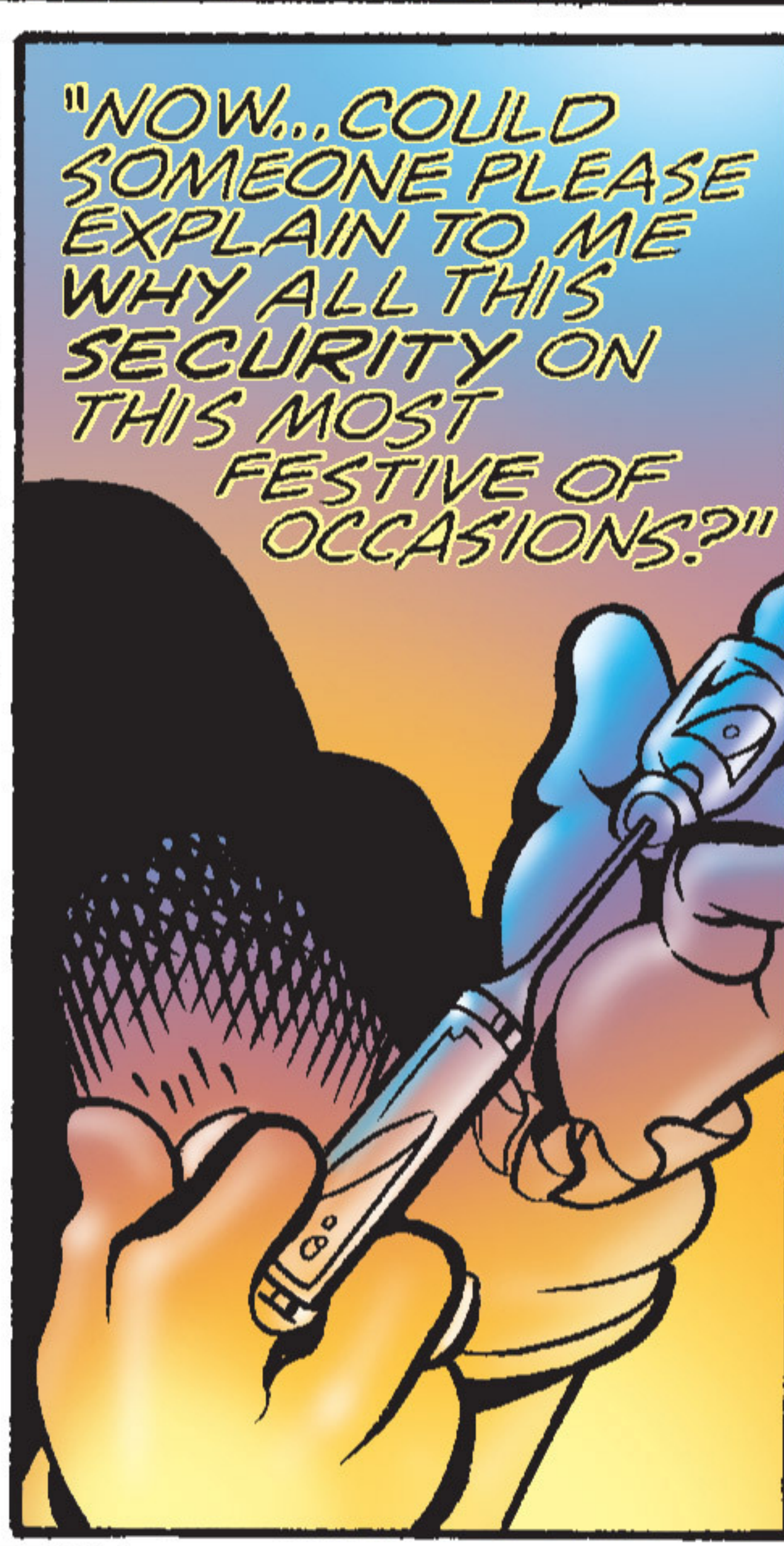
ONLY
AUTHORIZED
PERSONNEL ARE
ALLOWED
BEYOND THIS
POINT!

I BELIEVE
MY
CREDENTIALS
SPEAK FOR
THEMSELVES,
WOULDN'T
YOU SAY?



UH...ER...YES,
ABSOLUTELY,
YOUR--

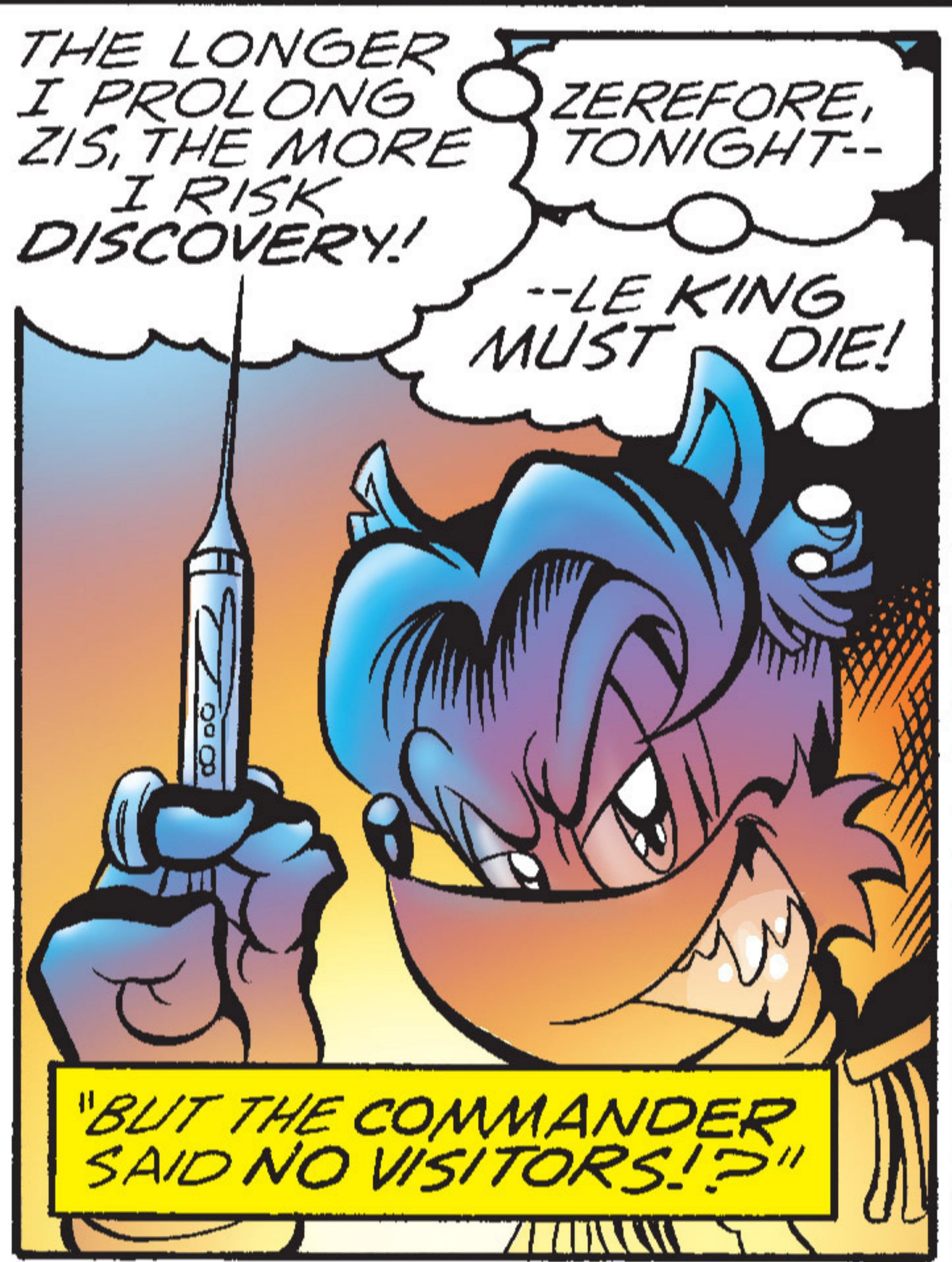
"NOW...COULD
SOMEONE PLEASE
EXPLAIN TO ME
WHY ALL THIS
SECURITY ON
THIS MOST
FESTIVE OF
OCCASIONS?"



THE LONGER
I PROLONG
THIS, THE MORE
I RISK
DISCOVERY!

HEREFORE,
TONIGHT--

--THE KING
MUST DIE!

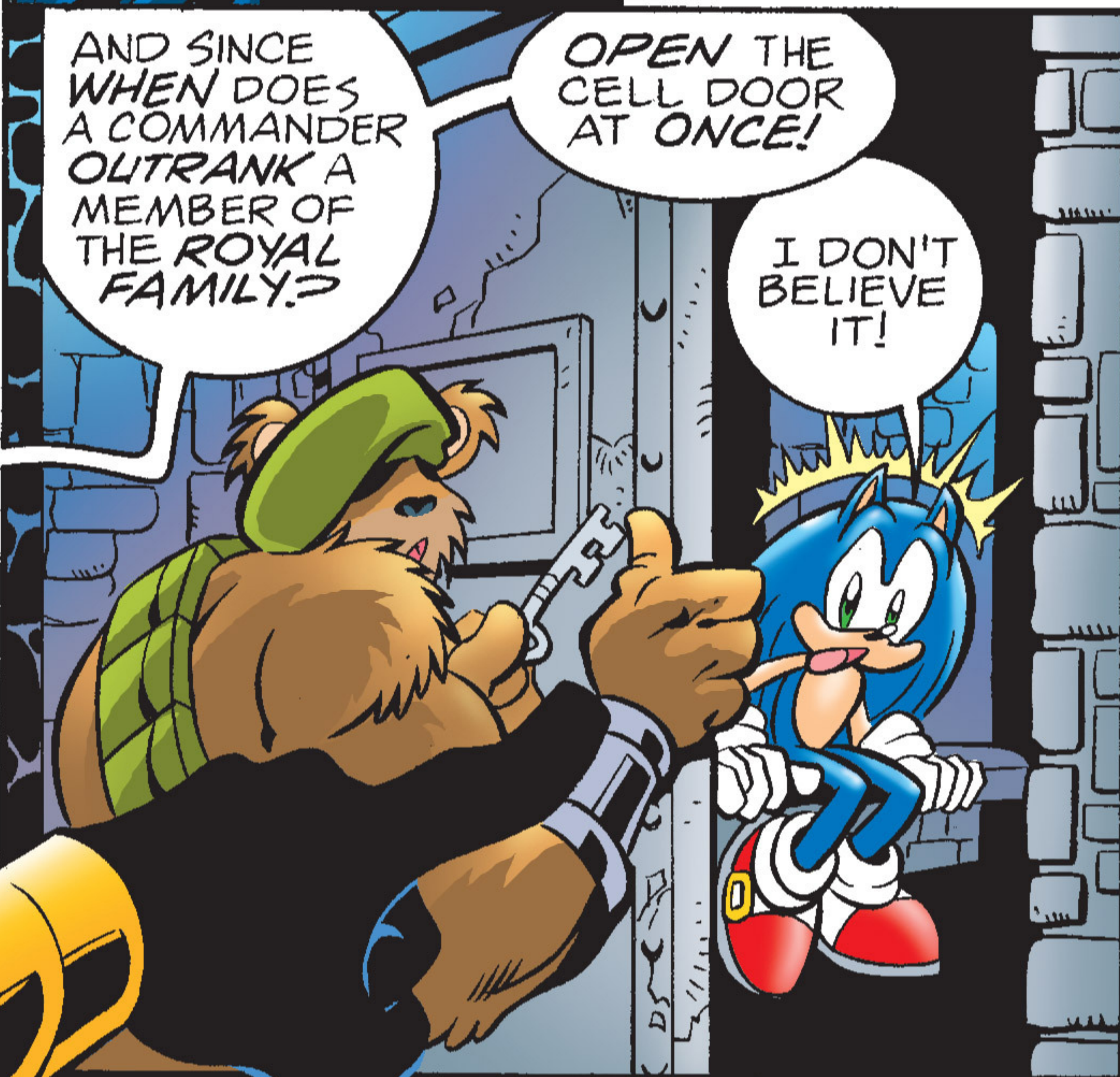


"BUT THE COMMANDER
SAID NO VISITORS!?"

AND SINCE
WHEN DOES
A COMMANDER
OUTRANK A
MEMBER OF
THE ROYAL
FAMILY?>

OPEN THE
CELL DOOR
AT ONCE!

I DON'T
BELIEVE
IT!



PRINCE
ELIAS!!!

BUT
HOW--?





OR MORE
TO THE
POINT--

--WHY?
?

I THOUGHT
YOU SAID THERE
WASN'T ANY
REASON FOR
YOU TO GET
INVOLVED!

I THOUGHT
SO, TOO--

--BUT AS
MY WIFE
MEG
POINTED OUT,
THESE ARE
DANGEROUS
TIMES!

AND NOTHING
IS **MORE**
DANGEROUS
THAN THE
TRANSFER-
ENCE OF
POWER!

WHAT DANGER?
SALLY BECOMES
QUEEN! **BIG**
DEAL!

AHH--BUT WHAT
IF SHE CHOOSES
TO **ELEVATE**
HER HUSBAND...

--TO
KING?

ANTOINE
?

HE'S NOT MY **FAVORITE**
CUPCAKE BY ANY STRETCH,
BUT I CAN'T BUY HIM
BEING **DISLOYAL!**

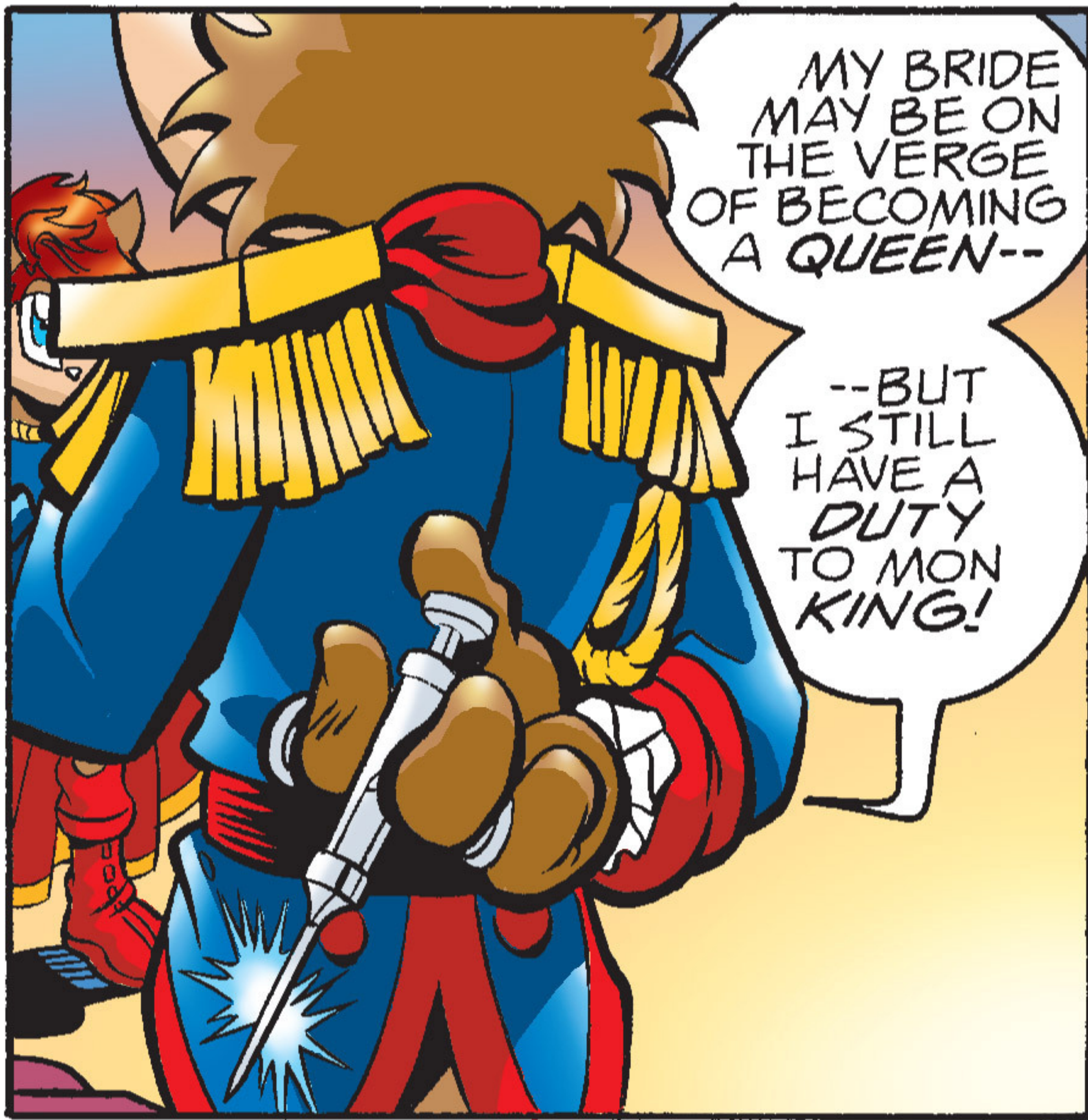
NEVERTHE-
LESS, THE **ONLY**
WAY TO BE
CERTAIN IS FOR
ME TO CLAIM
THE CROWN!

FATHER?

**KNOCK
KNOCK!**

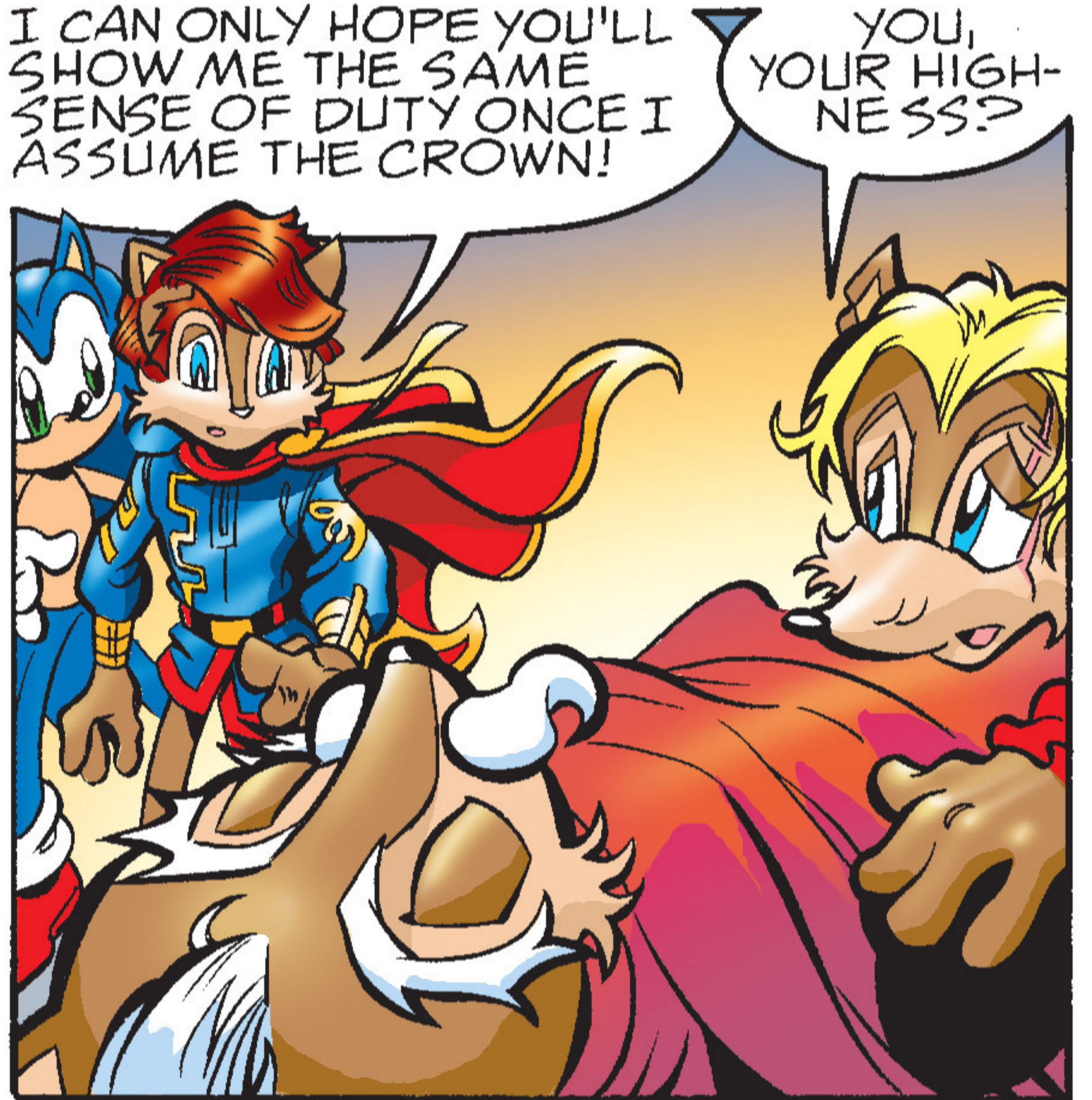
COMMANDER
D'COOLETTE?

SHOULDN'T
YOU BE **DOWN-**
STAIRS WITH
YOUR **BRIDE** IN
THE BANQUET
HALL?



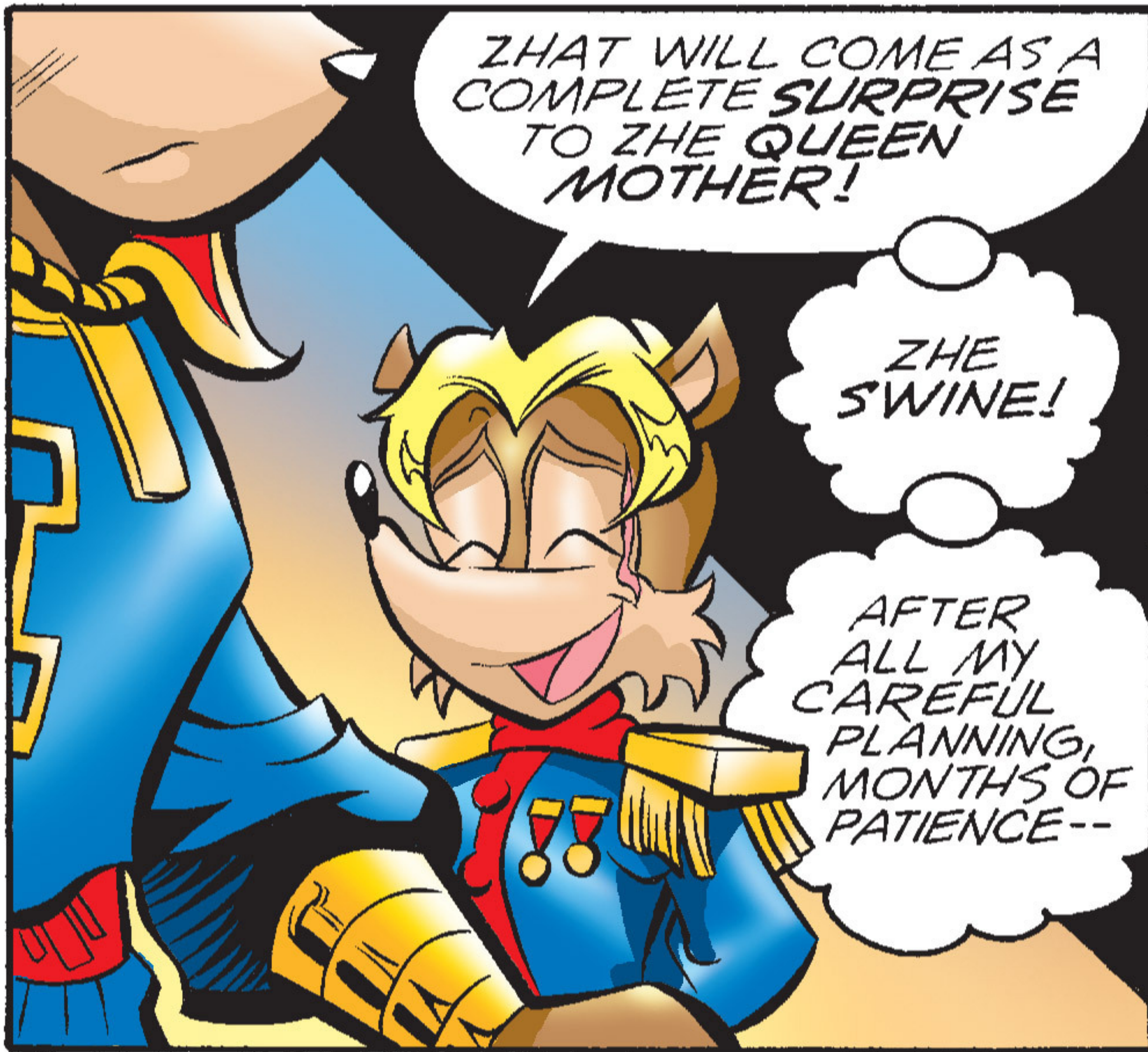
MY BRIDE
MAY BE ON
THE VERGE
OF BECOMING
A **QUEEN**--

--BUT
I STILL
HAVE A
DUTY
TO **MON**
KING!



I CAN ONLY HOPE YOU'LL
SHOW ME THE SAME
SENSE OF DUTY ONCE I
ASSUME THE CROWN!

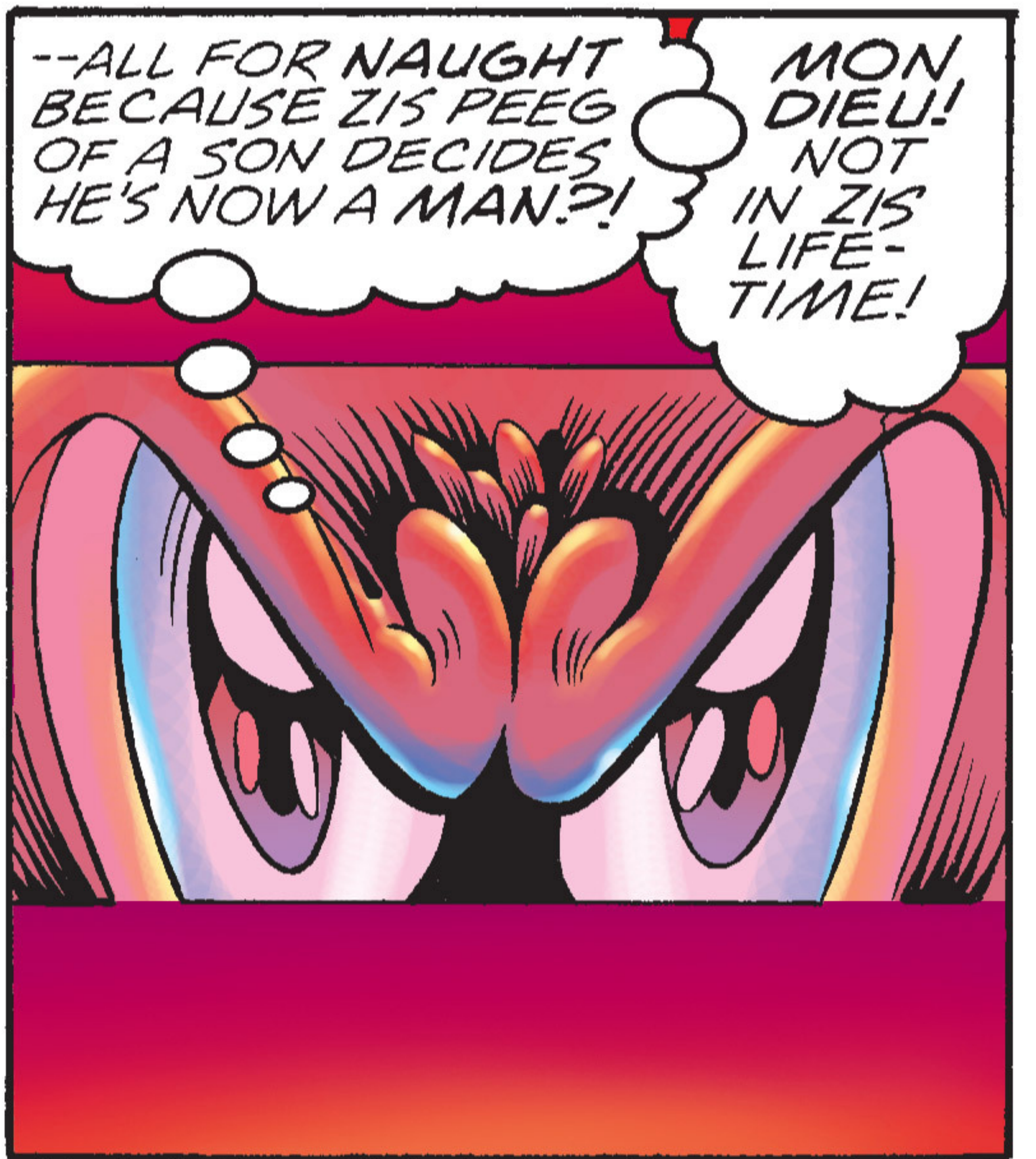
YOU,
YOUR HIGH-
NESS?



THAT WILL COME AS A
COMPLETE **SURPRISE**
TO THE **QUEEN**
MOTHER!

THE
SWINE!

AFTER
ALL MY
CAREFUL
PLANNING,
MONTHS OF
PATIENCE--



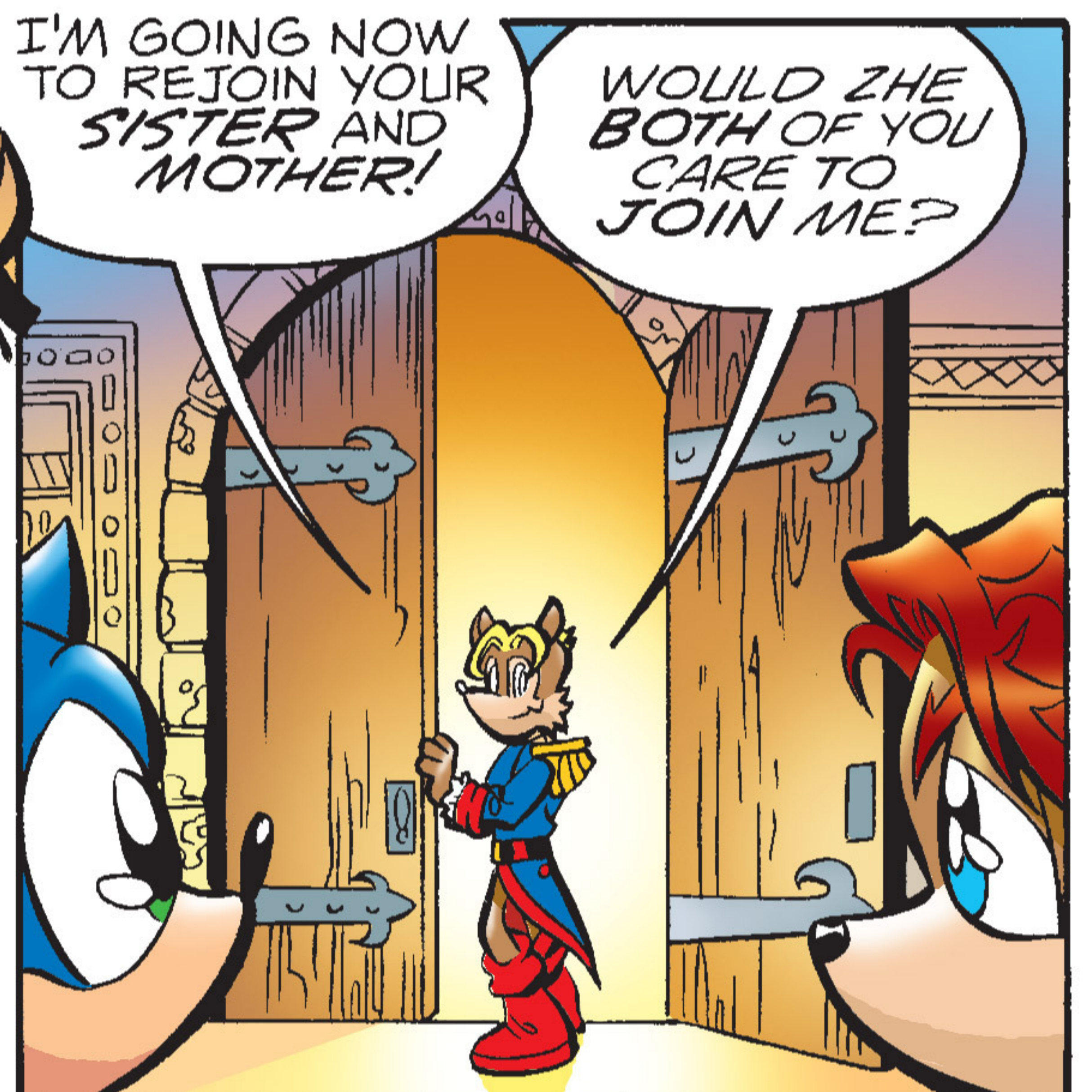
--ALL FOR NAUGHT
BECAUSE HIS PEEG
OF A SON DECIDES
HE'S NOW A MAN?!

MON
DIEU!
NOT
IN HIS
LIFE-
TIME!



THE KING
CAN WAIT!

HIS
BLEMISH
ON MOBIL'S
MUST BE
DEALT WITH
FIRST!



I'M GOING NOW
TO REJOIN YOUR
SISTER AND
MOTHER!

WOULD THE
BOTH OF YOU
CARE TO
JOIN ME?

BEFORE LONG,
BACK AT THE
BANQUET HALL...

ONCE MY
NEW HUSBAND
REJOINS US--

--WE CAN
COMMENCE
WITH THE
CORONATION!

NOT
SO FAST!

AS FIRST-BORN,
I ASSERT MY
RIGHT TO THE
CROWN!

NO
REACTION
FROM
ANTOINE!

EITHER HE'S THE
COOLEST CUSTOMER
OR ELSE ELIAS IS
BARKING UP THE
WRONG TREE!

YOU REALIZE, OF
COURSE, THAT YOUR
STEP-CHILD IS
INELIGIBLE IN THE
LINE OF SUCCESSION,
ELIAS!

ONLY THE **BLOOD
ROYALE** MAY SIT
ON THE **THRONE!**

MY SON, YOU HAVE NO
IDEA HOW MUCH I'VE
LONGED FOR YOU
TO TAKE YOUR **RIGHT-
FUL PLACE!**

ARE YOU **SURE**
YOU WANT TO
DO THIS,
ELIAS?

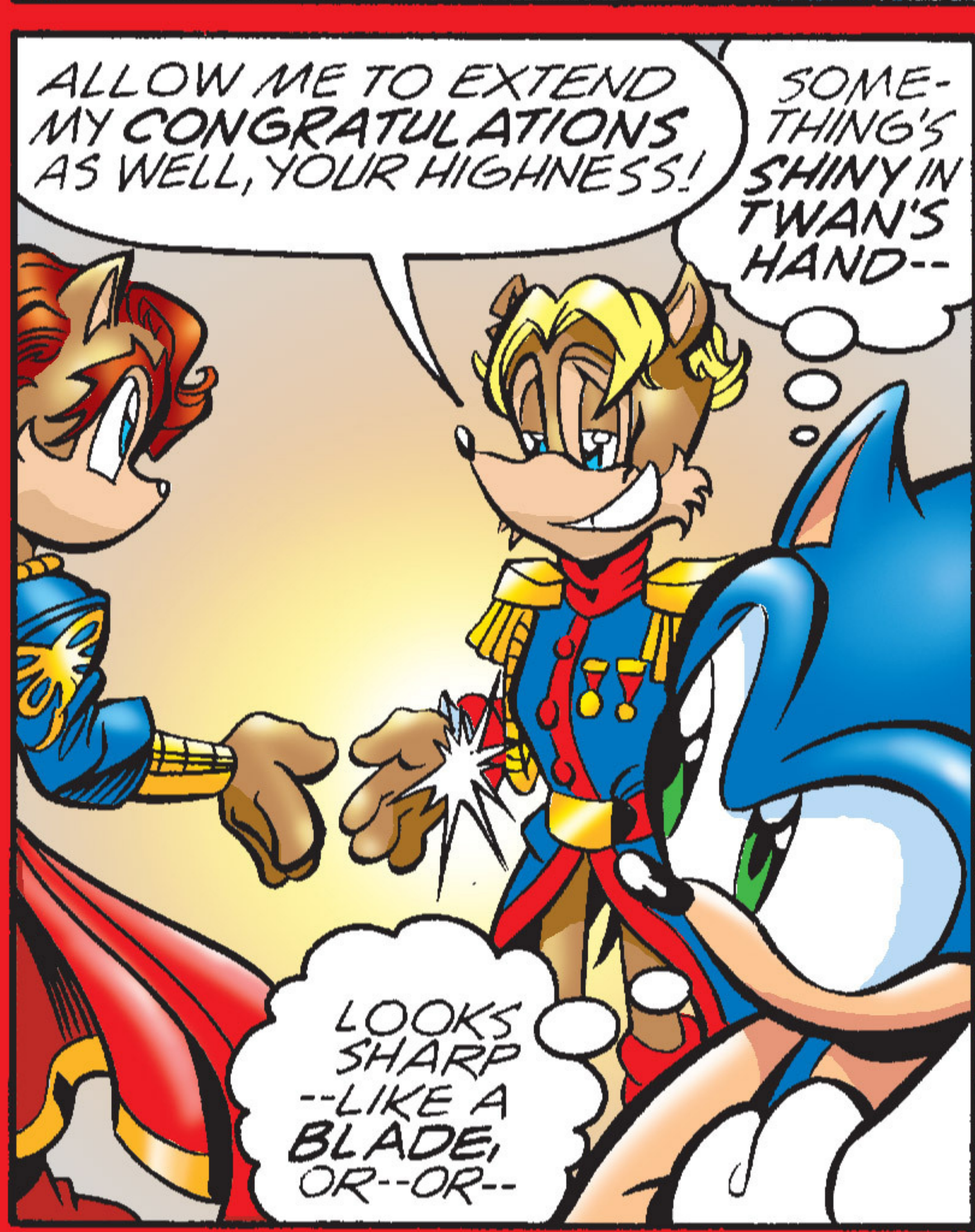
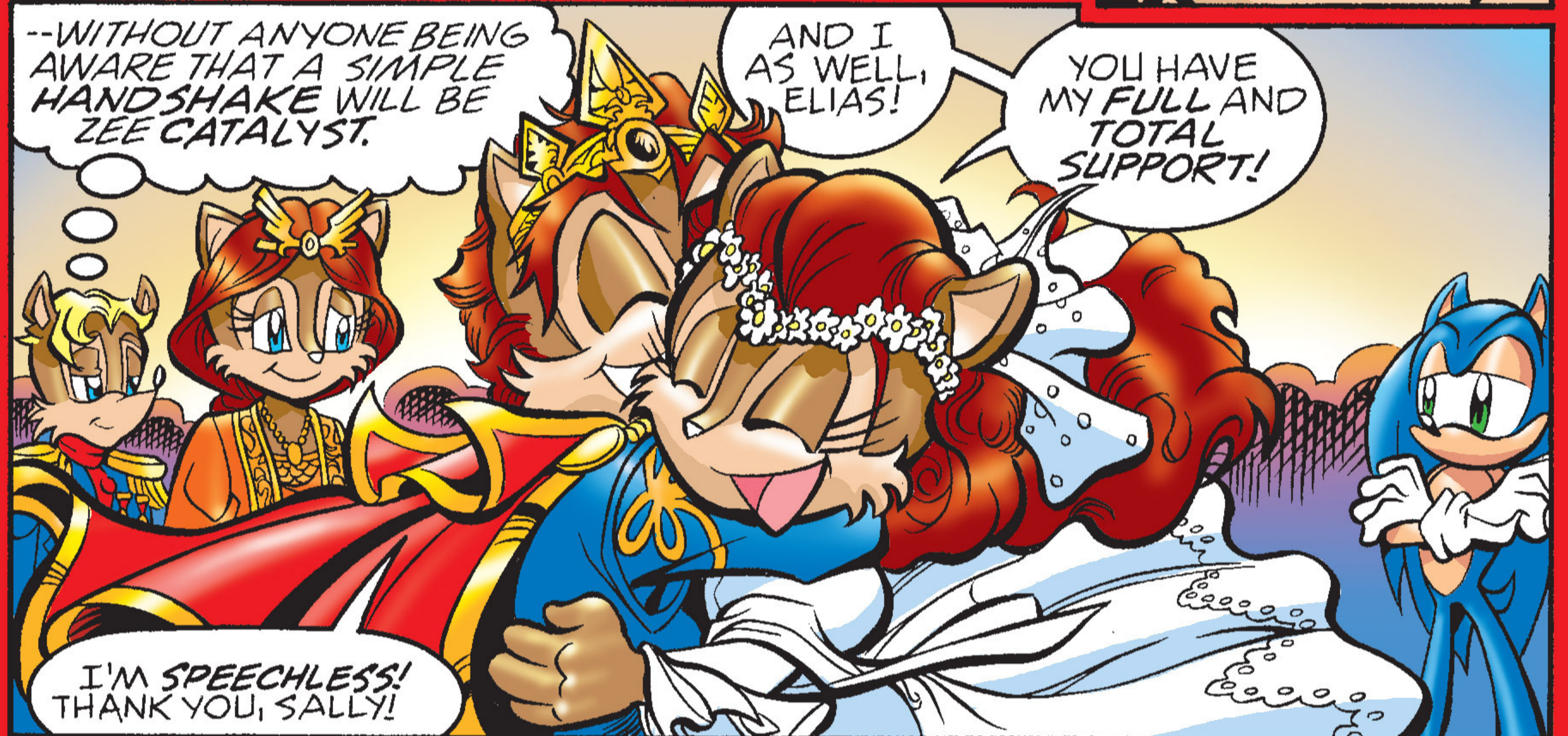
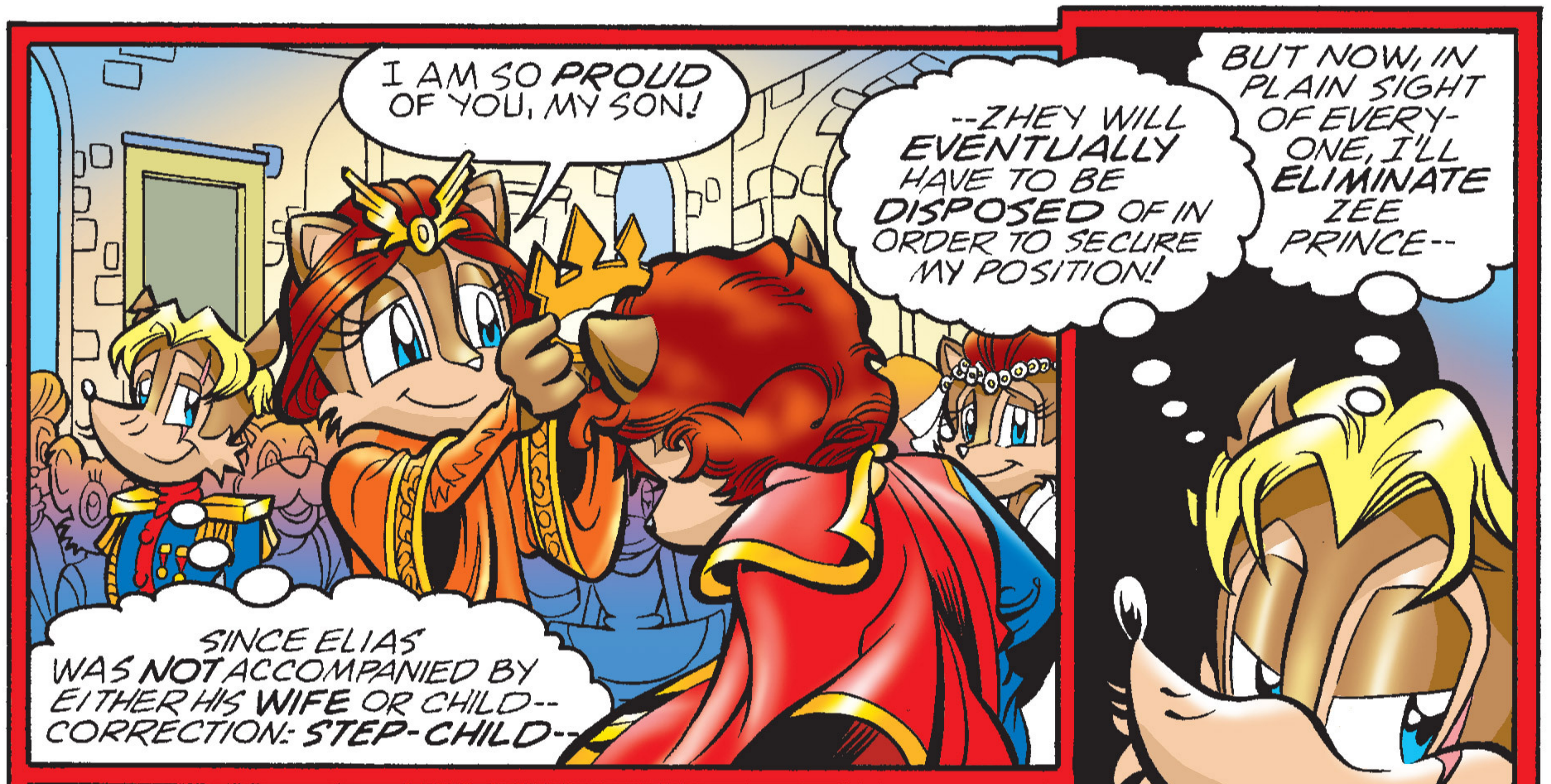
I **ABANDONED**
THE CROWN
BECAUSE OF
LOVE--

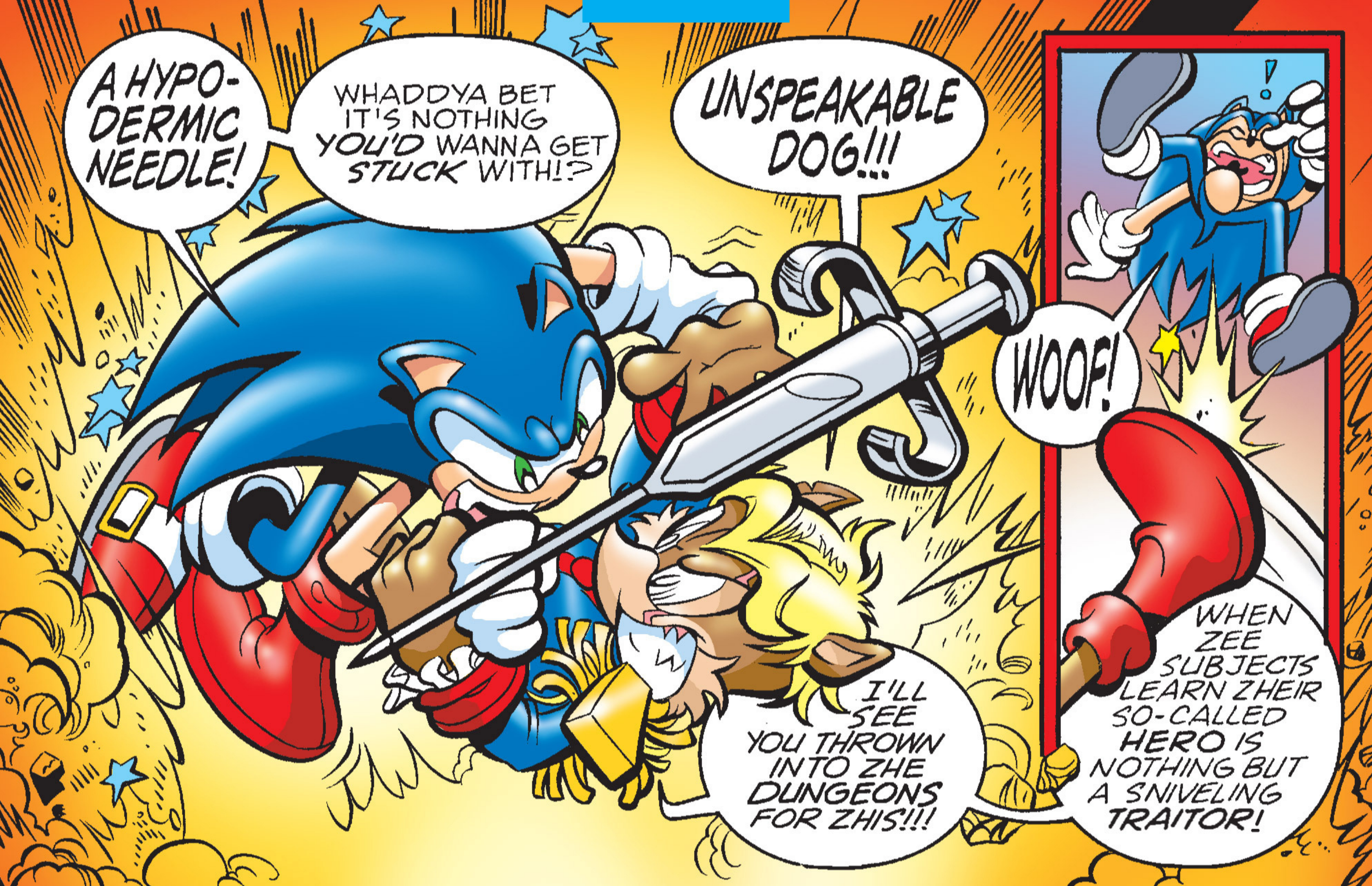
AND NOW IT'S
**BECAUSE OF
LOVE--**

--THAT
I MUST
**ACCEPT
IT!**

KNEEL AS A
PRINCE, ELIAS,
HEIR TO THE
THRONE ACORN!

AND ARISE
KING ELIAS,
SOVEREIGN
OF ACORN!





A HYPO-
DERMIC
NEEDLE!

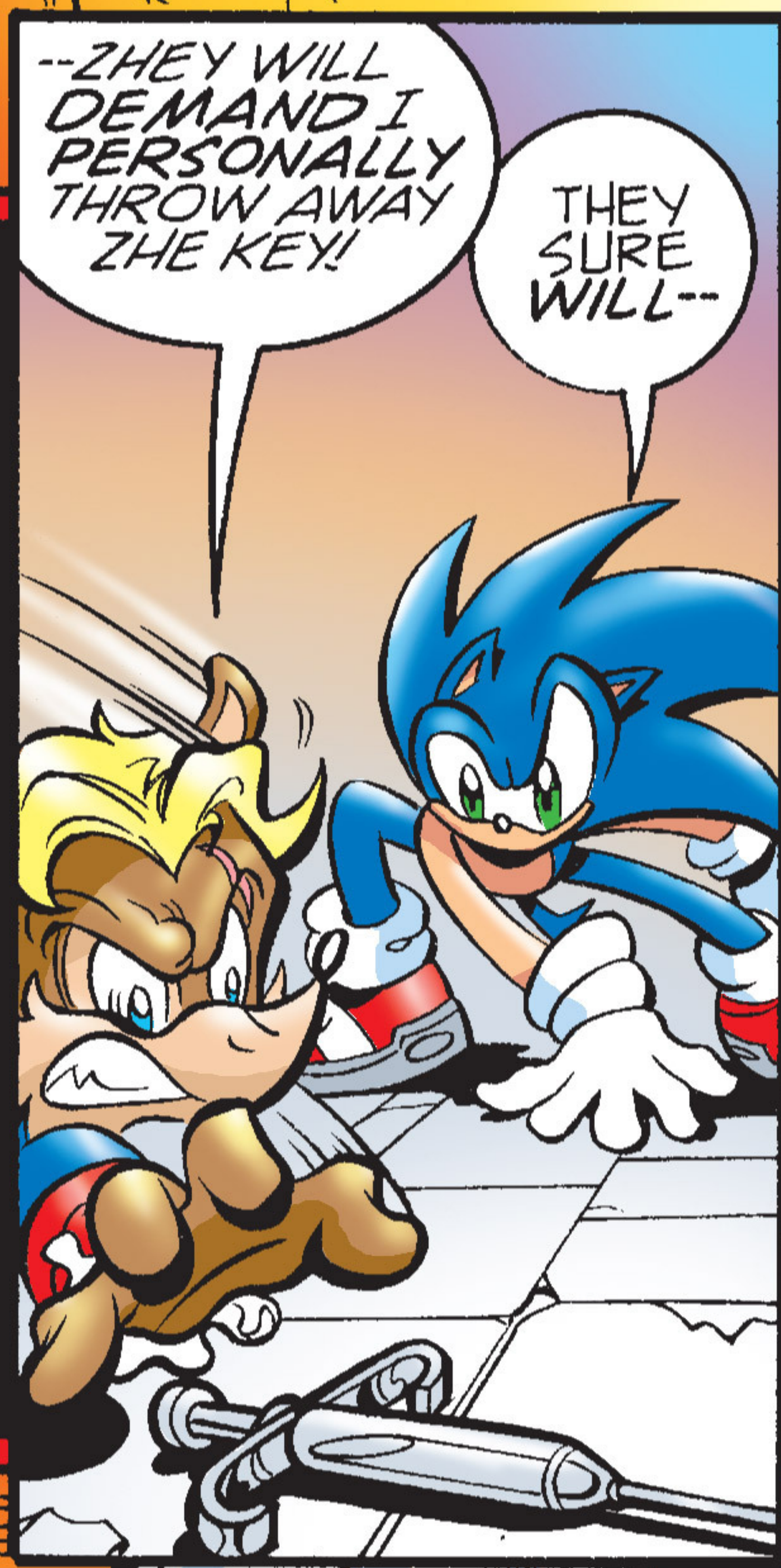
WHADDYA BET
IT'S NOTHING
YOU'D WANNA GET
STUCK WITH!?

UNSPEAKABLE
DOG!!!

WOOF!

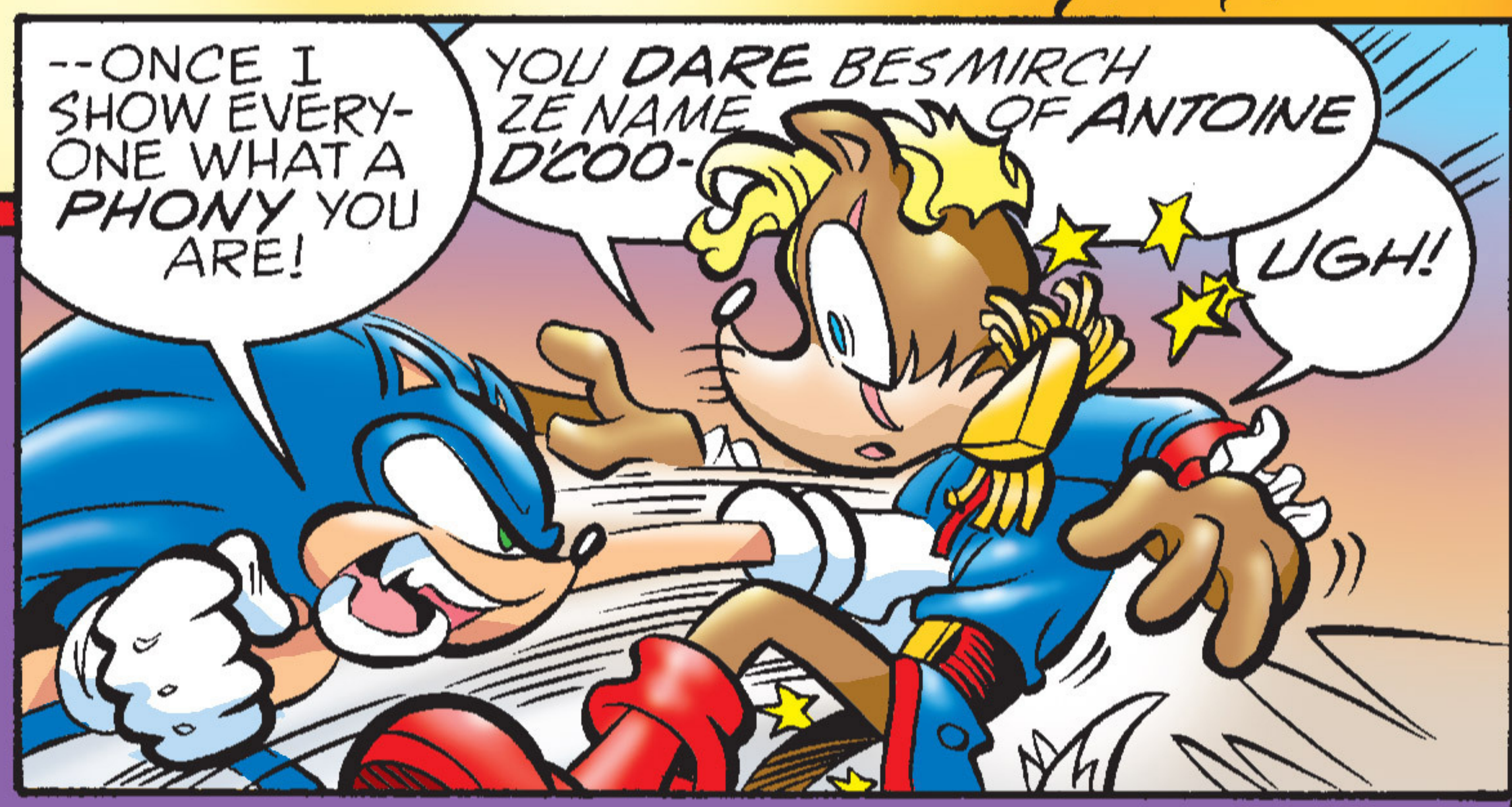
I'LL
SEE
YOU THROWN
INTO ZHE
DUNGEONS
FOR ZHIS!!!

WHEN
ZEE
SUBJECTS
LEARN ZHEIR
SO-CALLED
HERO IS
NOTHING BUT
A SNIVELING
TRAITOR!



--ZHEY WILL
DEMAND I
PERSONALLY
THROW AWAY
ZHE KEY!

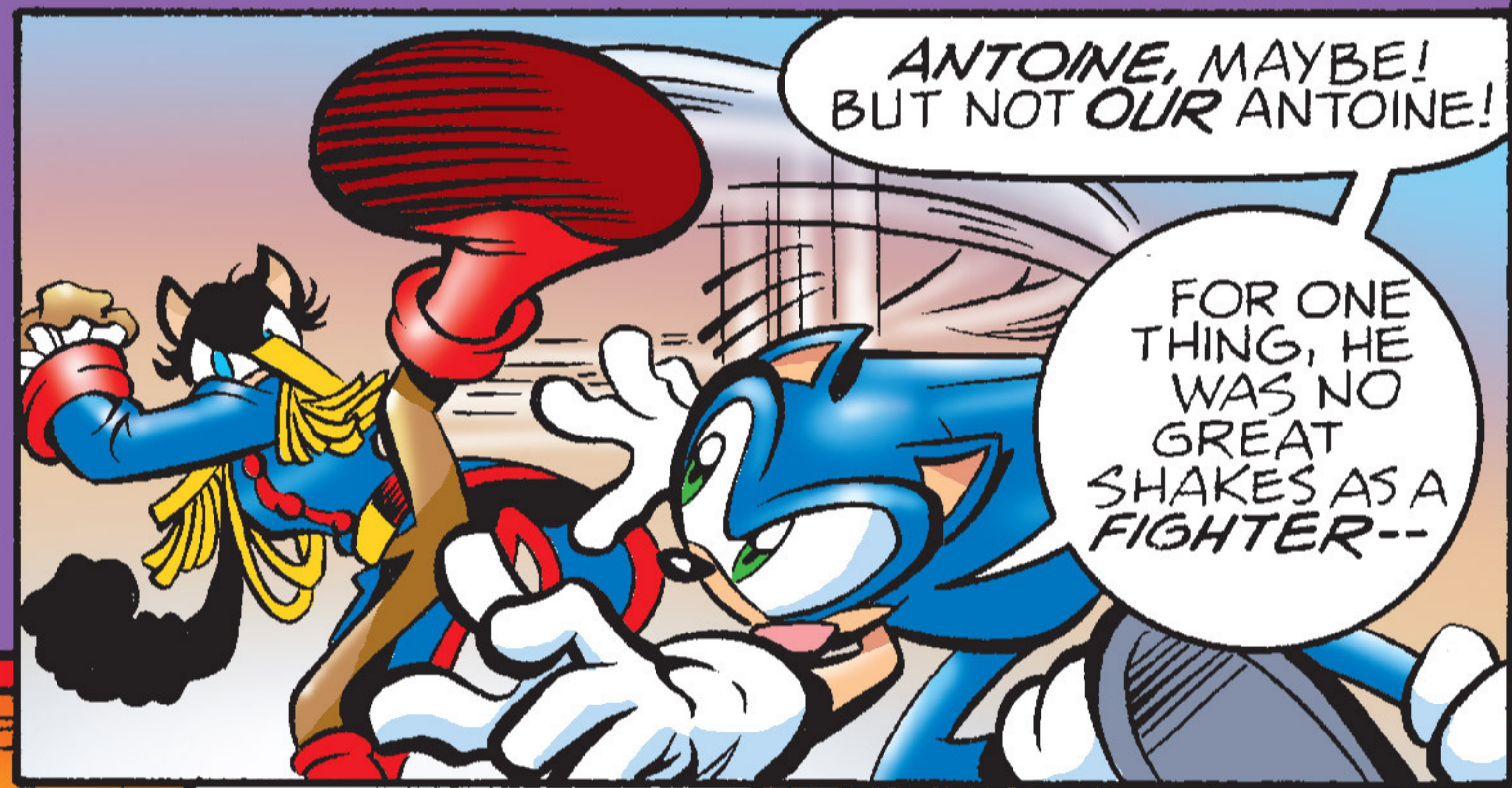
THEY
SURE
WILL--



--ONCE I
SHOW EVERY-
ONE WHAT A
PHONY YOU
ARE!

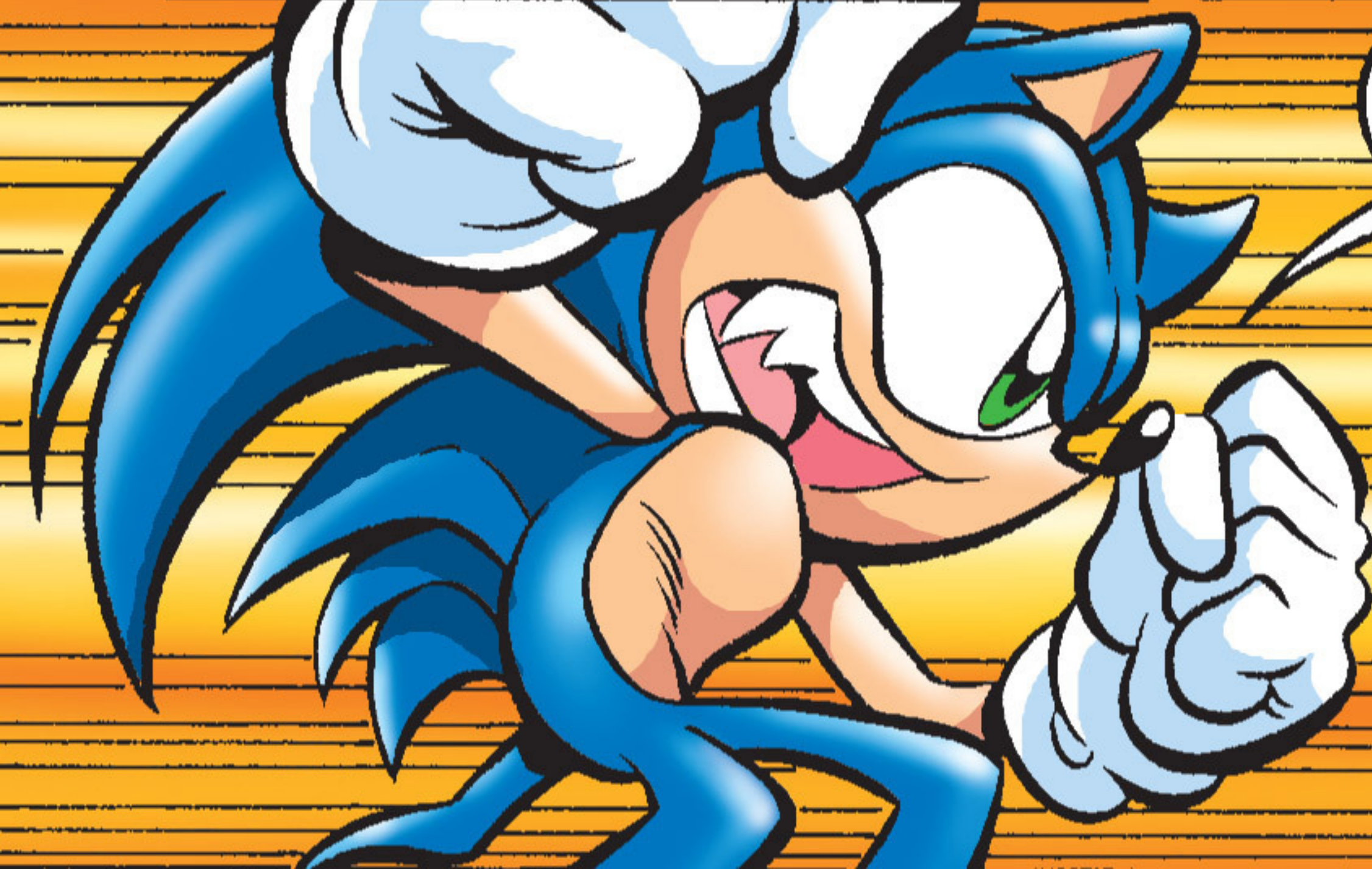
YOU DARE BESMIRCH
ZE NAME
D'COO-

UGH!



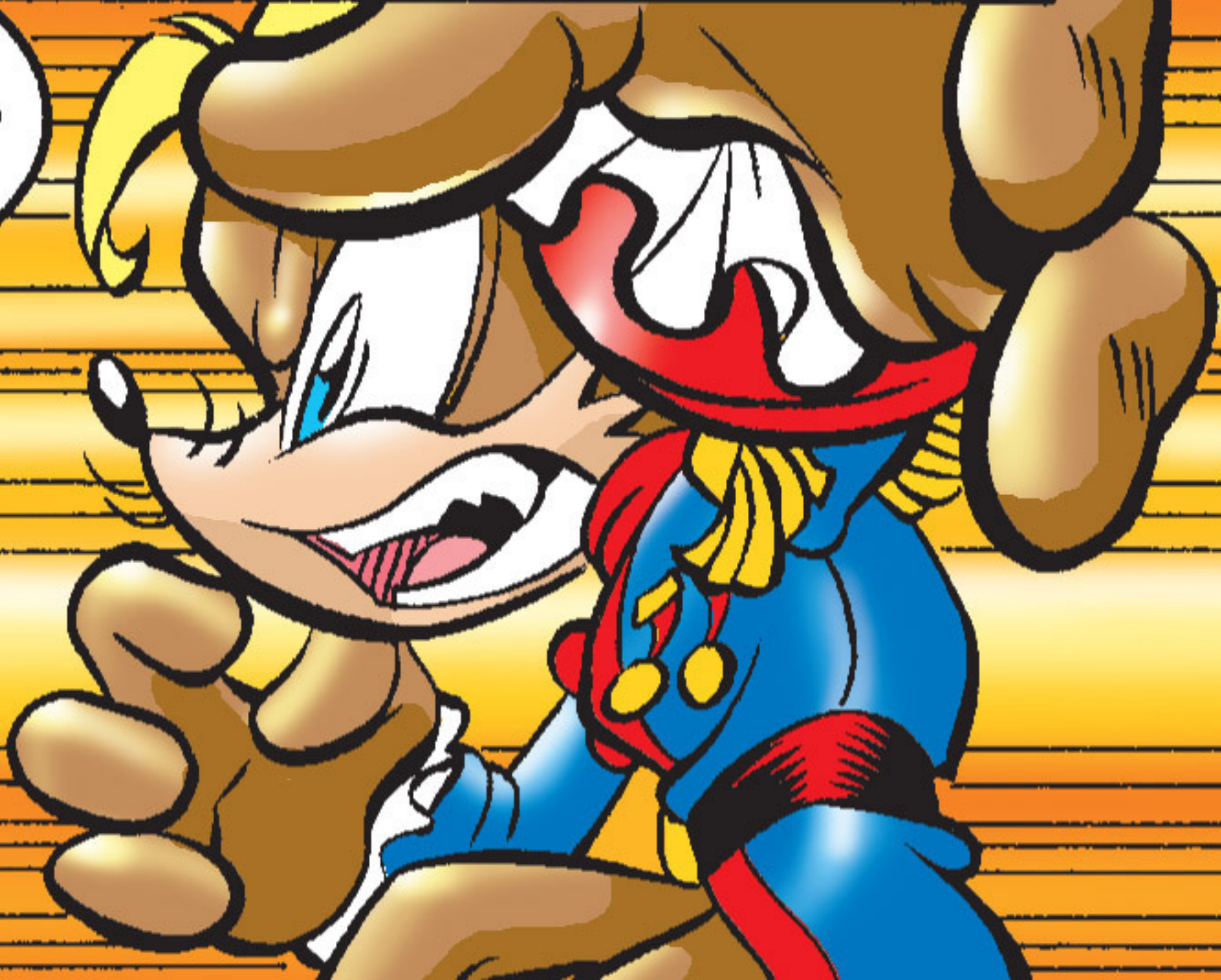
ANTOINE, MAYBE!
BUT NOT OUR ANTOINE!

FOR ONE
THING, HE
WAS NO
GREAT
SHAKES AS A
FIGHTER--



--AND HE TOTALLY
LACKED A KILLER
INSTINCT!

BUT
Y'KNOW WHAT
THE REAL
CLINCHER
WAS?



WHEN NO ONE--
NOT EVEN BUNNIE--
COULD EXPLAIN
HOW YOU GOT
THAT SCAR!

ONCE
I ADDED
TWO PLUS
TWO--

--IT ONLY
EQUALED
ONE THING!...
YOU'RE EVIL
ANTOINE!

SO I'M
TAKING YOU *BACK*
WHERE YOU
BELONG!

I'M
SURE YOU
RECOGNIZE
THIS DOO-
DAD!*

BEFORE
LONG, ON
ANOTHER
MOBIUS IN
ANOTHER
ZONE...

PSST!
HEY,
TWAN!

YOU'RE
GOING
HOME!

LET'S JUST SAY
OUR *FRIEND*
ISN'T THE
COYOTE
YOU ARE!

THIS
ISN'T A
DREAM?
WE CAN
REALLY...

YO,
WAKE
UP!

OH, SONIC--
YOU ARE TRULY
MON AMI!

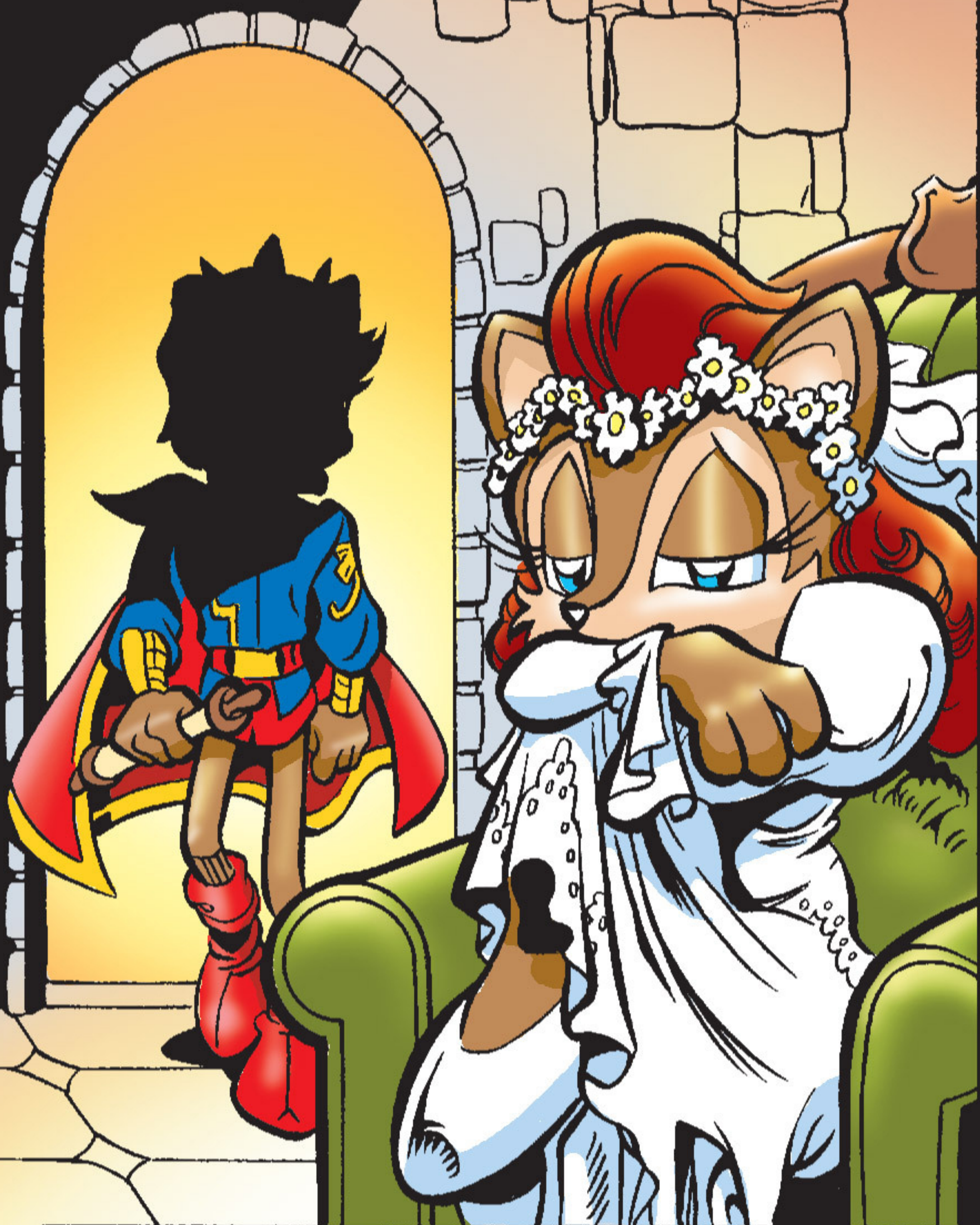
BUT HOW DID
YOU LEARN OF MY
PREDICAMENT?

...GET
BACK?!

WITH THIS SPIFFY
ZONE-LINK
GENERATOR,
I CERTAINLY
HOPE SO!

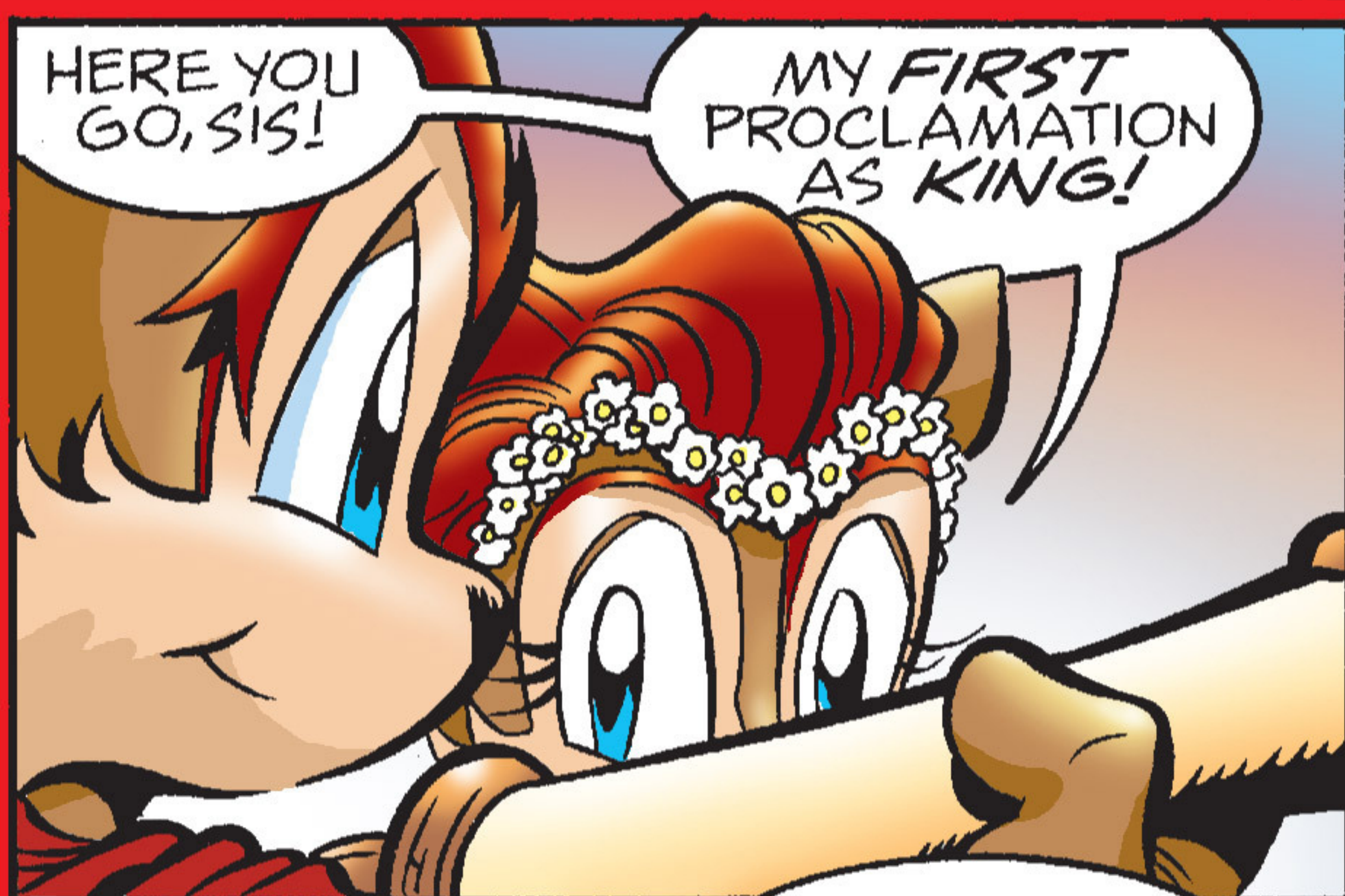
BESIDES--

"--IT'S TIME THE GOOD GUYS HAD A HAPPY ENDING FOR A CHANGE!"



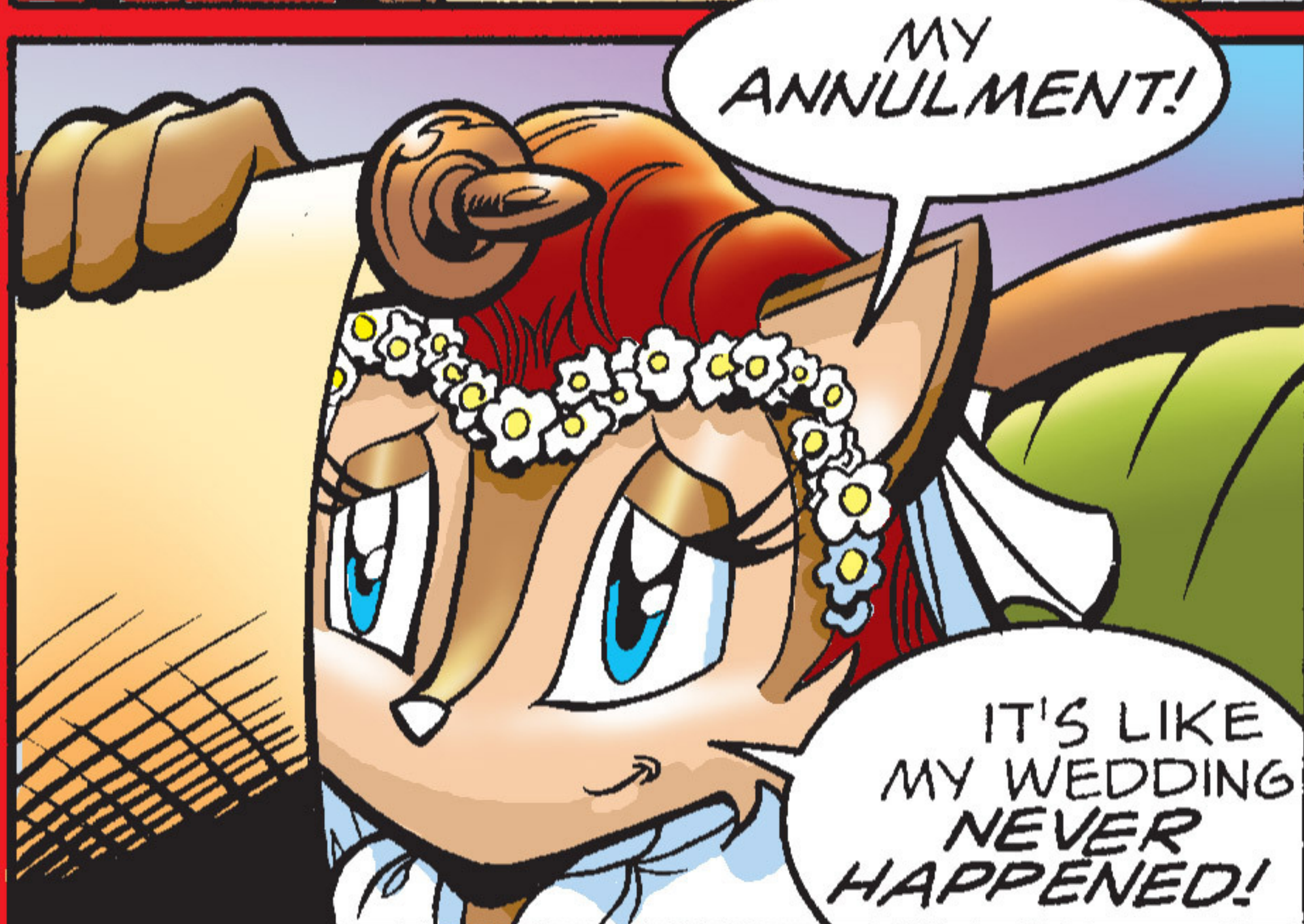
HERE YOU GO, SIS!

MY FIRST PROCLAMATION AS KING!



MY ANNULMENT!

IT'S LIKE MY WEDDING NEVER HAPPENED!



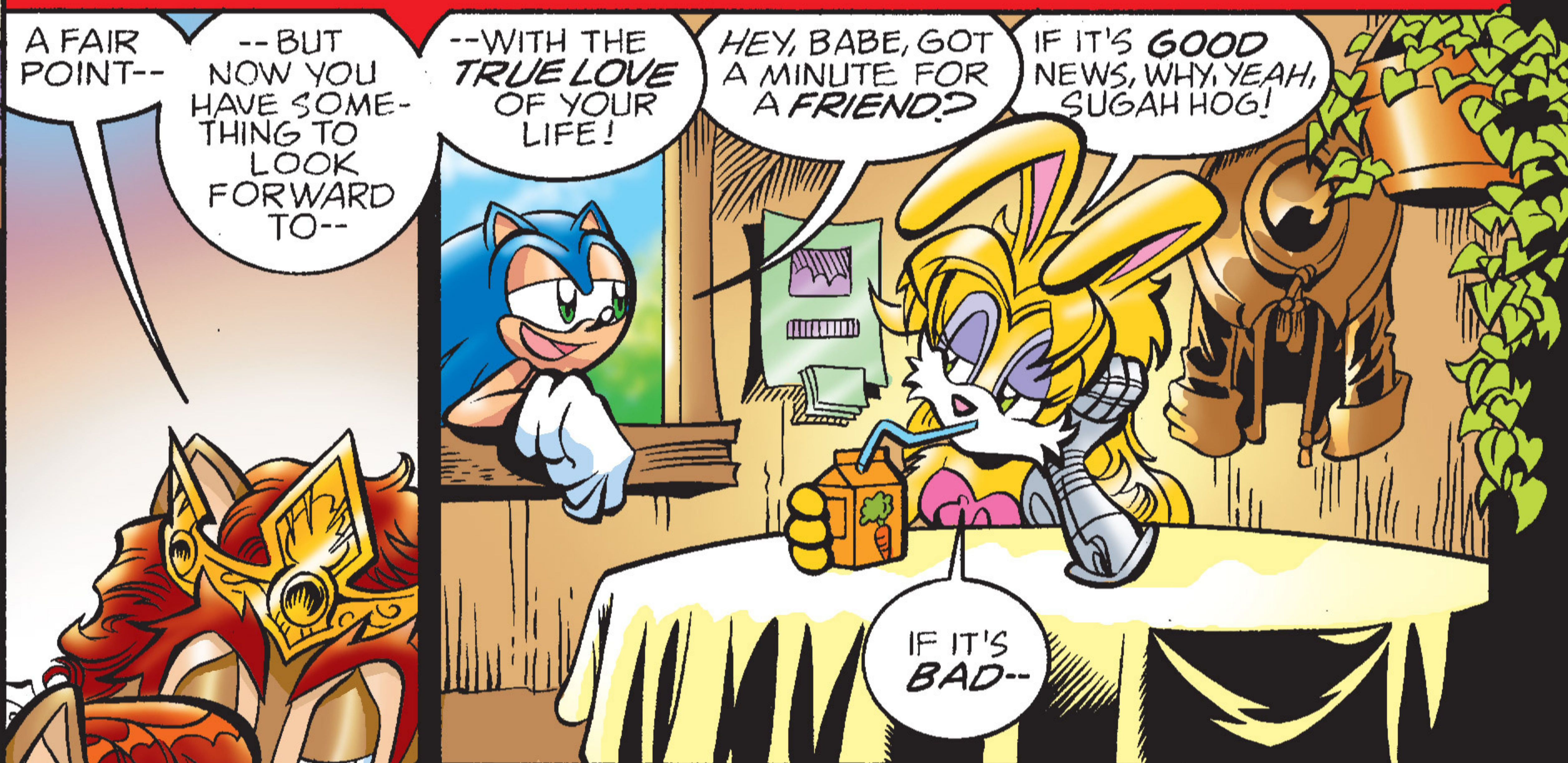
A FAIR POINT--

-- BUT NOW YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO LOOK FORWARD TO--

--WITH THE *TRUE LOVE* OF YOUR LIFE!

HEY, BABE, GOT A MINUTE FOR A *FRIEND*?

IF IT'S *GOOD* NEWS, WHY, YEAH, SUGAH HOG!



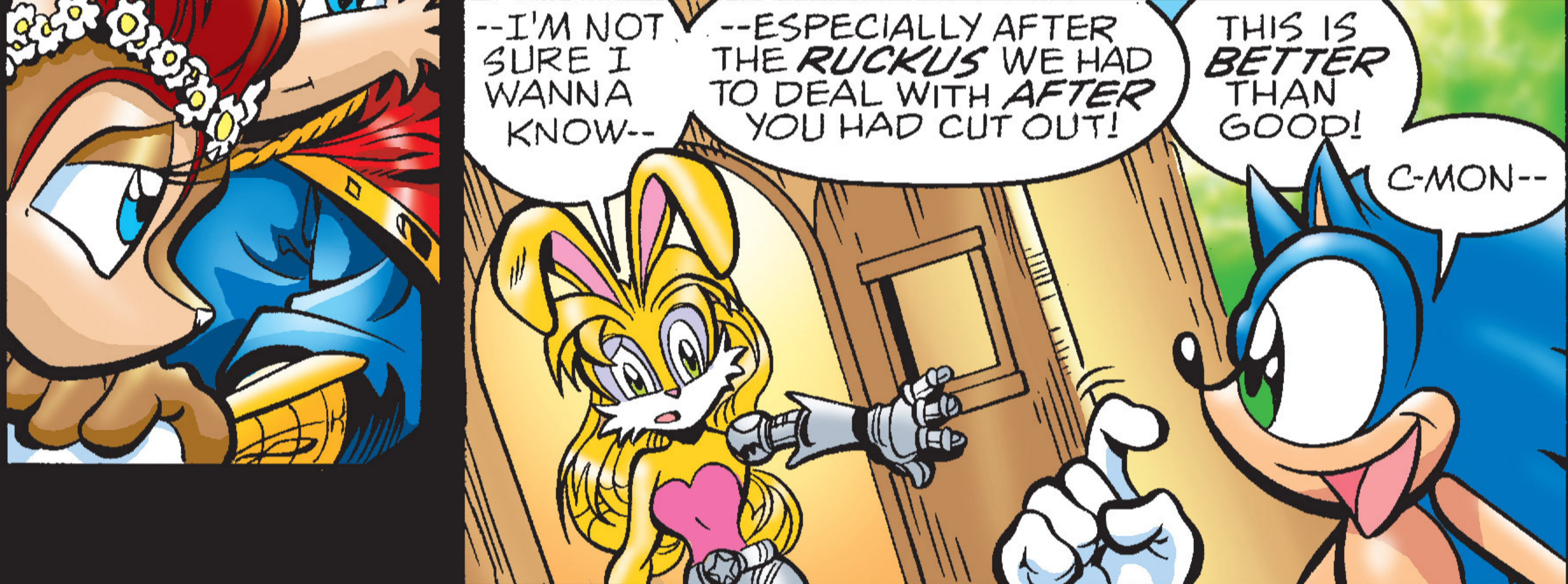
IF IT'S *BAD*--

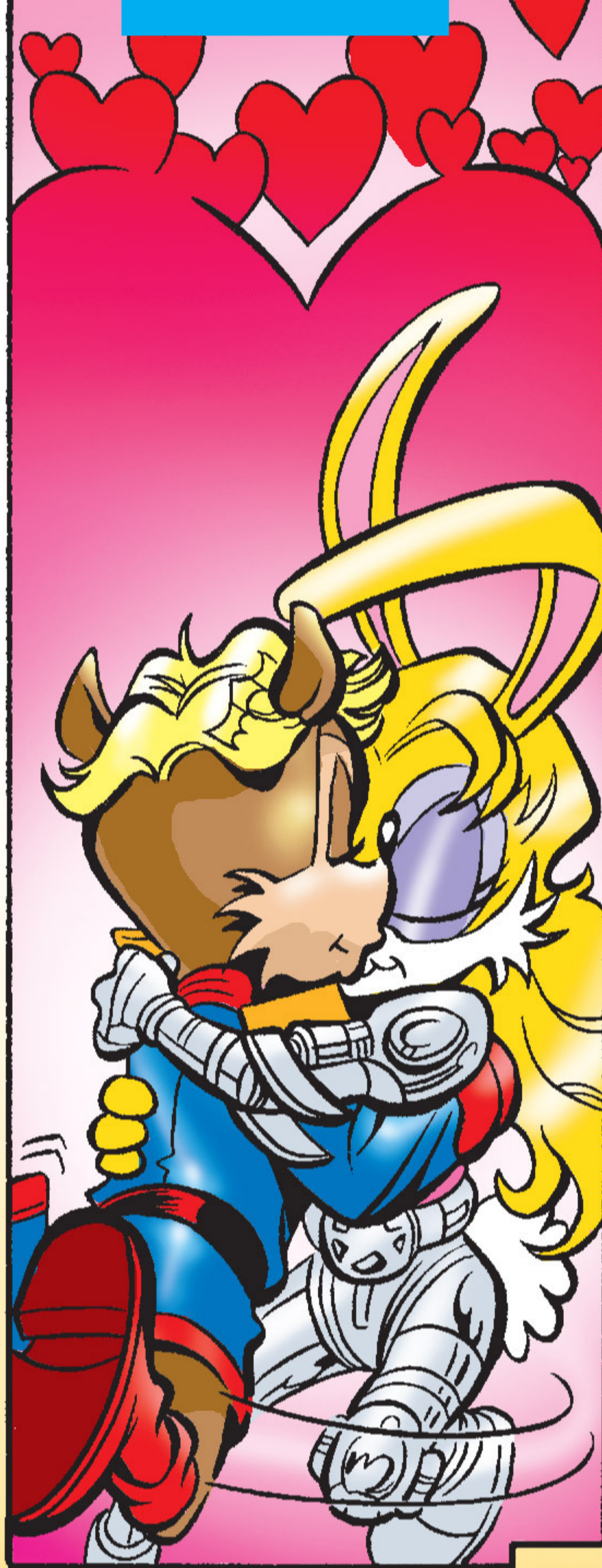
--I'M NOT SURE I WANNA KNOW--

--ESPECIALLY AFTER THE *RUCKUS* WE HAD TO DEAL WITH *AFTER* YOU HAD CUT OUT!

THIS IS *BETTER* THAN *GOOD*!

C-MON--





**Next:
SHADOW IS
BACK!**

SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

PRESENTS

DULCY

THE DRAGON

IN

THE PRICE OF FLAME

PART TWO

HEY, EVERYBODY--
LAST ISSUE WE LEARNED A LOT ABOUT DULCY. WE ALSO LEARNED THAT PROTECTED UNDER THE PLANET BY DISTANCE AND ANCIENT MAGIC, ROBOTICIZED DRAGONS HAD SURVIVED! ROBOTNIK, HAS USED THE ROBIAN DRAGONS TO ATTACK THE LAST OF THE FREE DRAGONS LIVING INSIDE THE VOLCANO HOME OF THE SECRET CITY OF VESUVIUS!

SURRENDER AND ACCEPT ROBOTICIZATION! RESIST AND YOU PERISH! THIS VOLCANO AND ITS VAST ENERGY RESOURCES NOW BELONG TO ROBOTNIK!

SOUND THE ALARM!

ALERT THE ELDERS!

GET THE CHILDREN TO SAFETY!

*You saw it last issue. If not, go get one... We'll wait!--Mikeditor

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OOOHHH... I'M SORRY,
Z-ZUH-ZAN... IT WAS
MY FLUH-FAULT*... UHHH--
WHAT THE--?! THAT
SUH-SOUND---

**THRRAK
PYOW**

*A reference to her abusive
domestic partner as seen
in STH #107. --MP

TZIIQ

A/EEEE!

MY GOSH
NOW I
REMEMBER--
MECHA-
DRAGONS!
VESUVIO'S
BEING
ATTACKED!

EEEEYAH!

NOW JOIN
OUR MECHA-WORLD,
CHILD!

NO--
PLEASE
DON'T!

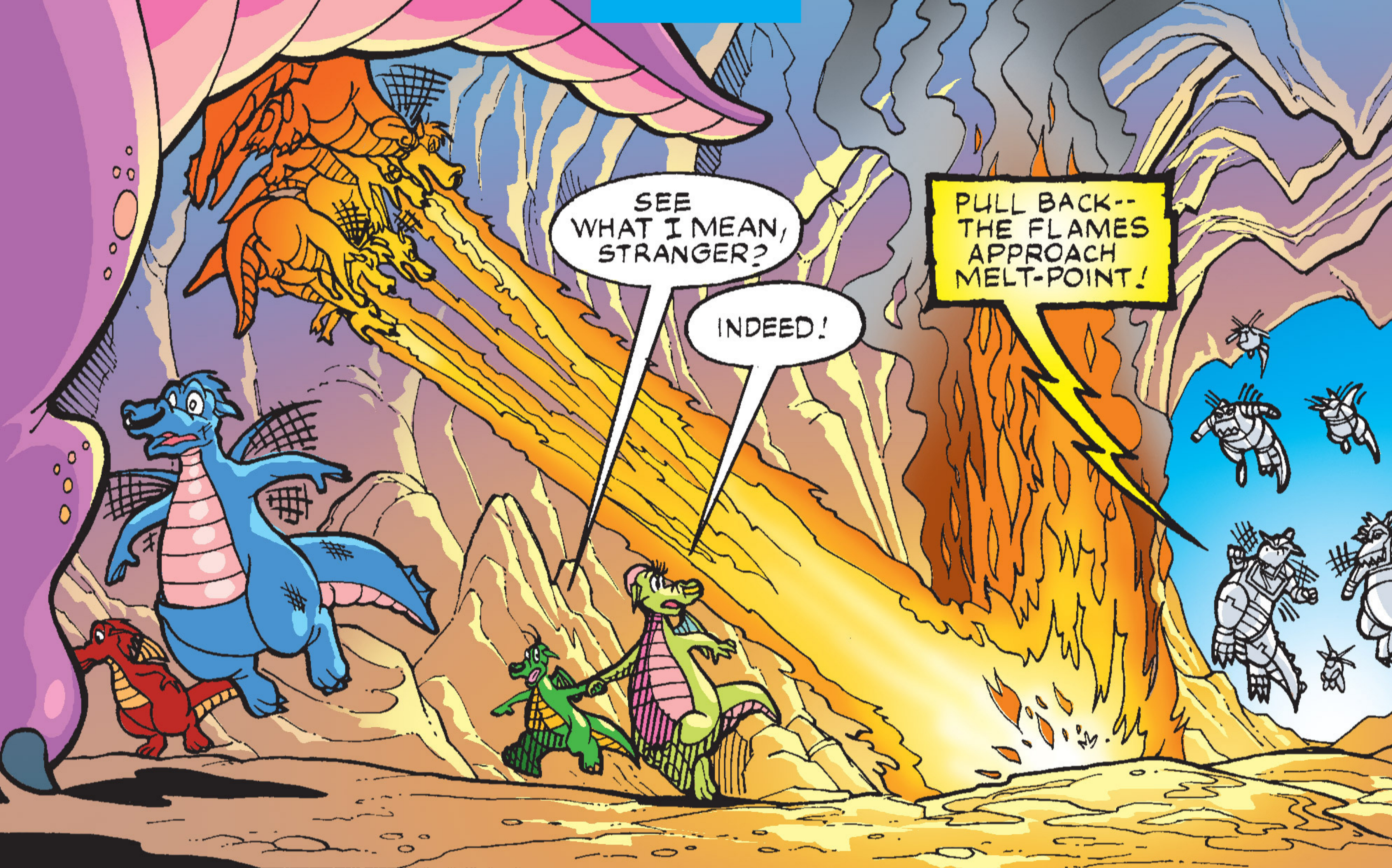
BACK
OFF, ROBO-
BULLY!

WHAROOM

**BZZT-
SQUAWK!**

THANKS, STRANGER! MY NAME'S
SPARKY. I DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU,
BUT HURRY! THE DEFENDERS ARE
ABOUT TO LAY DOWN A
SUPPRESSING FIRE!

??



SEE
WHAT I MEAN,
STRANGER?

INDEED!

PULL BACK--
THE FLAMES
APPROACH
MELT-POINT!

THAT'S A PRETTY AWESOME
DEFENSIVE STRATEGY!

YES, BUT
THEY CAN'T KEEP
IT UP FOREVER! WE
NEED A BATTLE
PLAN! CAN YOU
HELP US
STRANGER?

WE WANT NO
HELP FROM YOU,
DULCINEA!

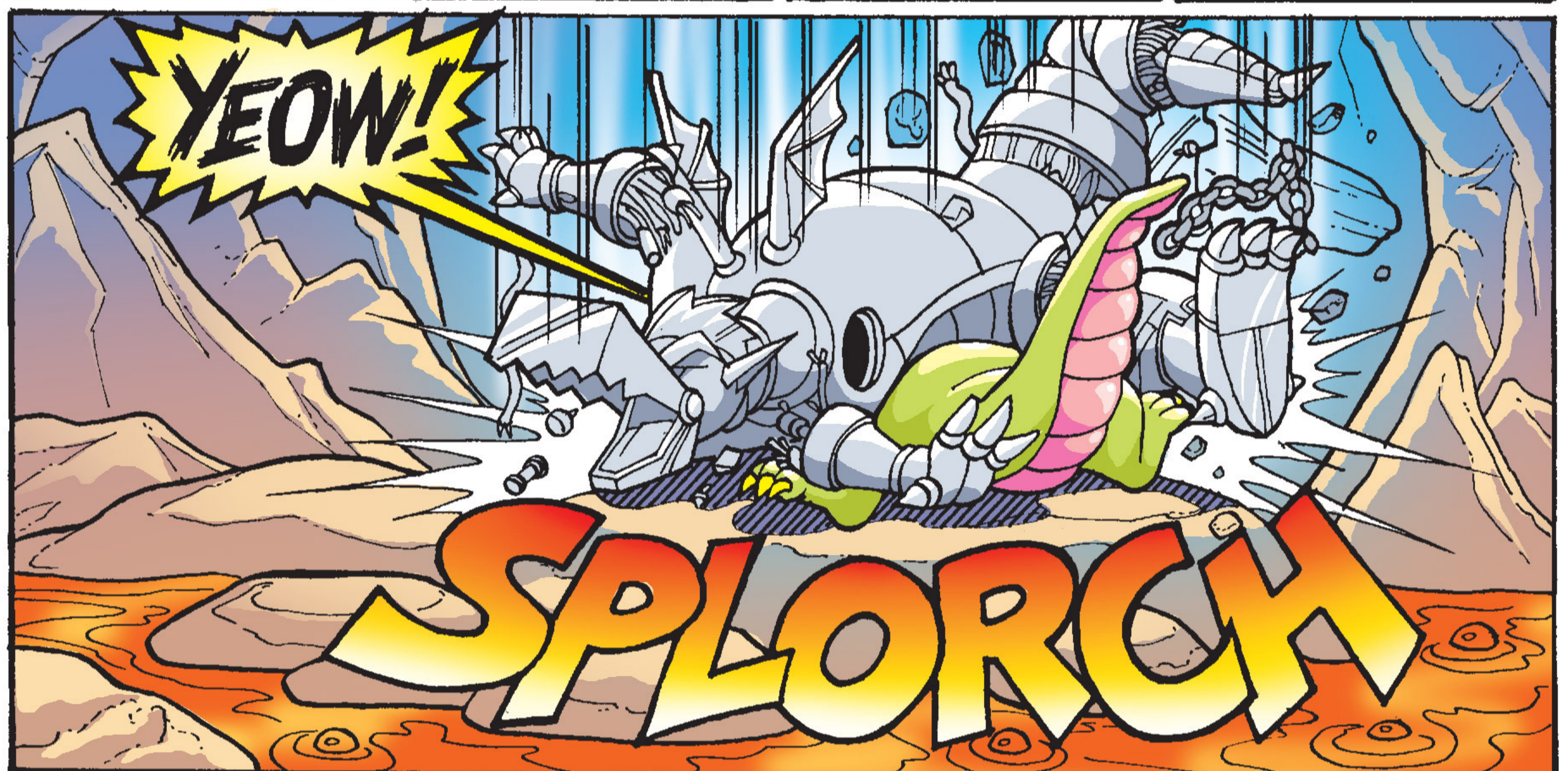
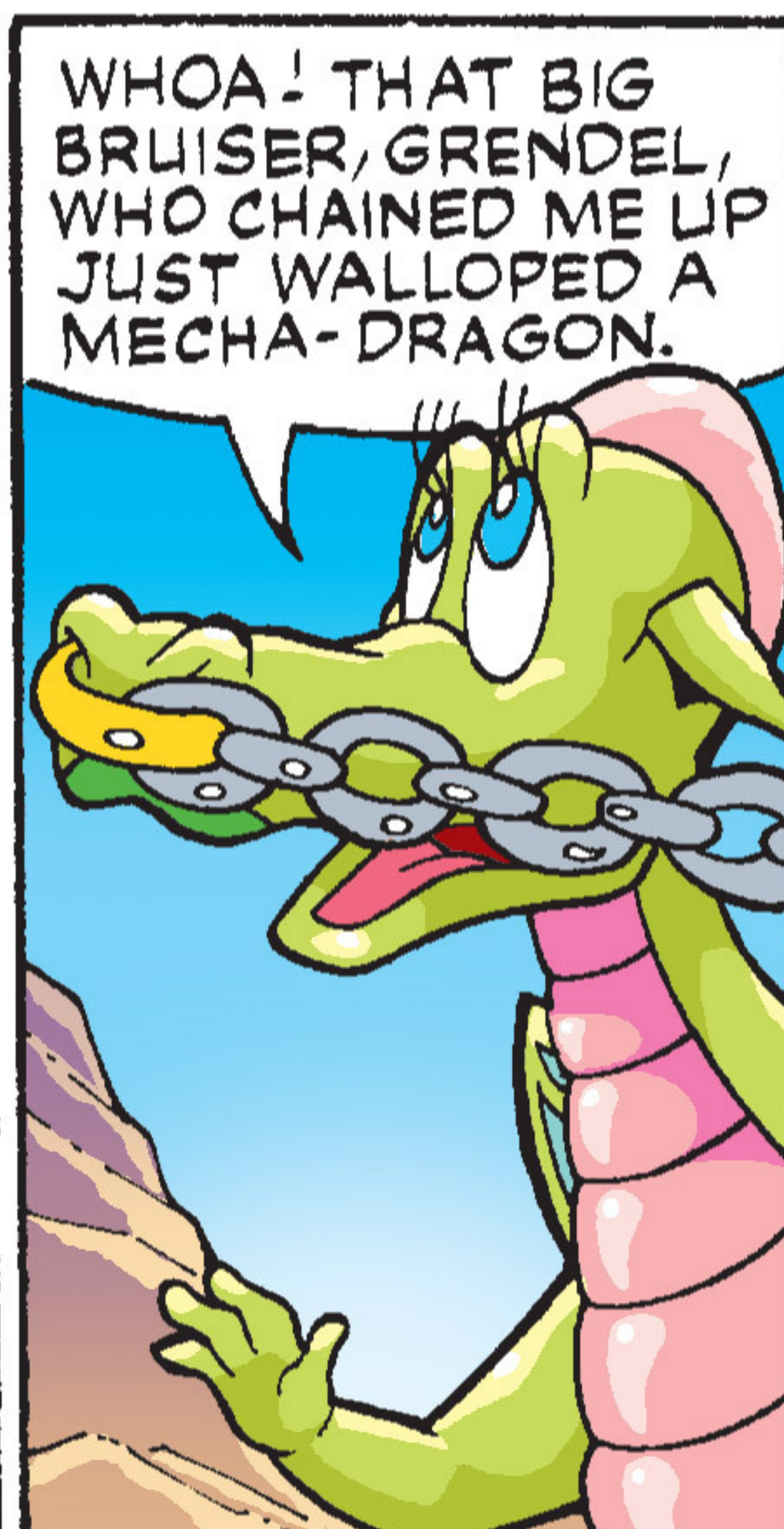
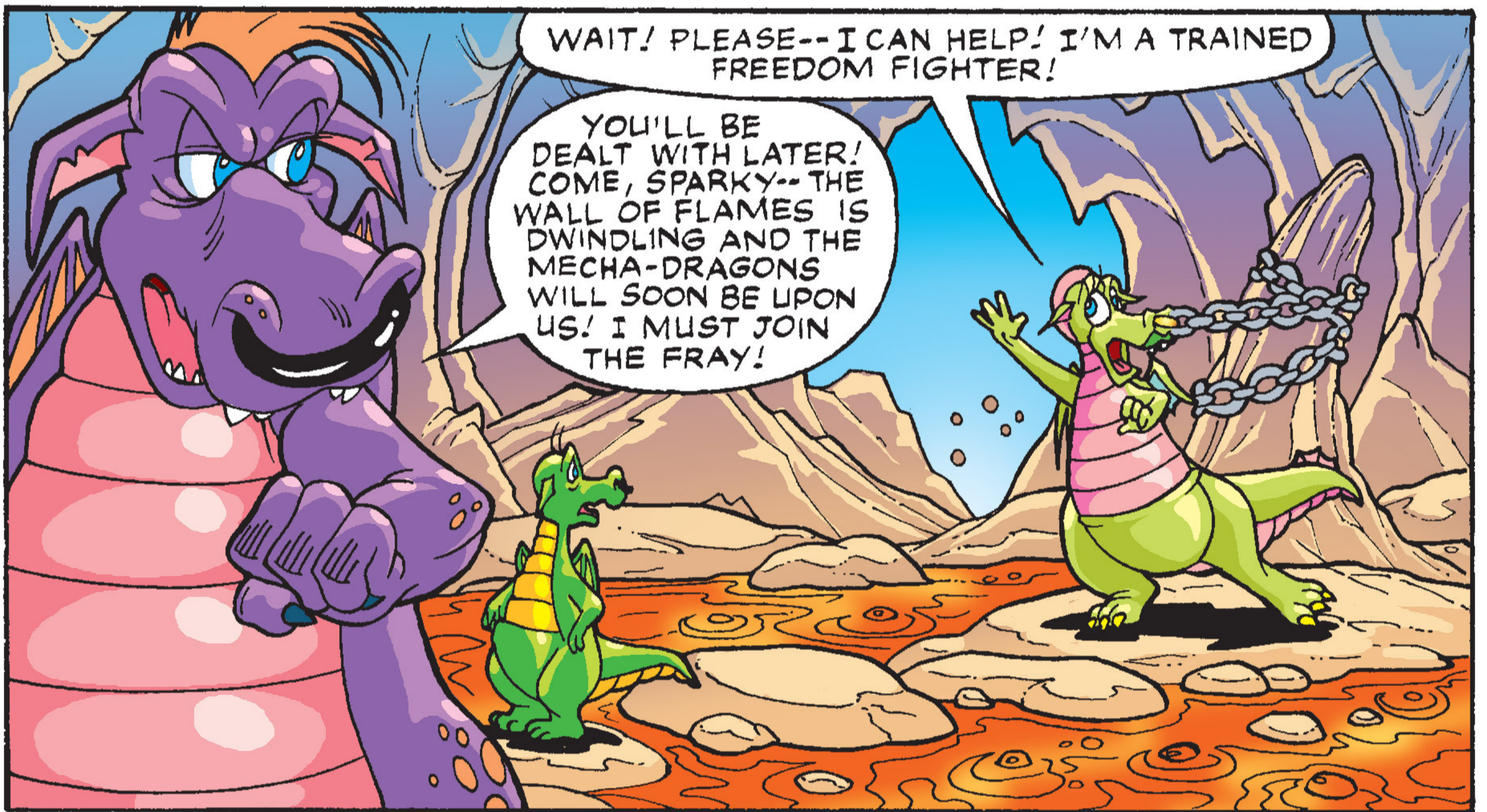
GLINT!

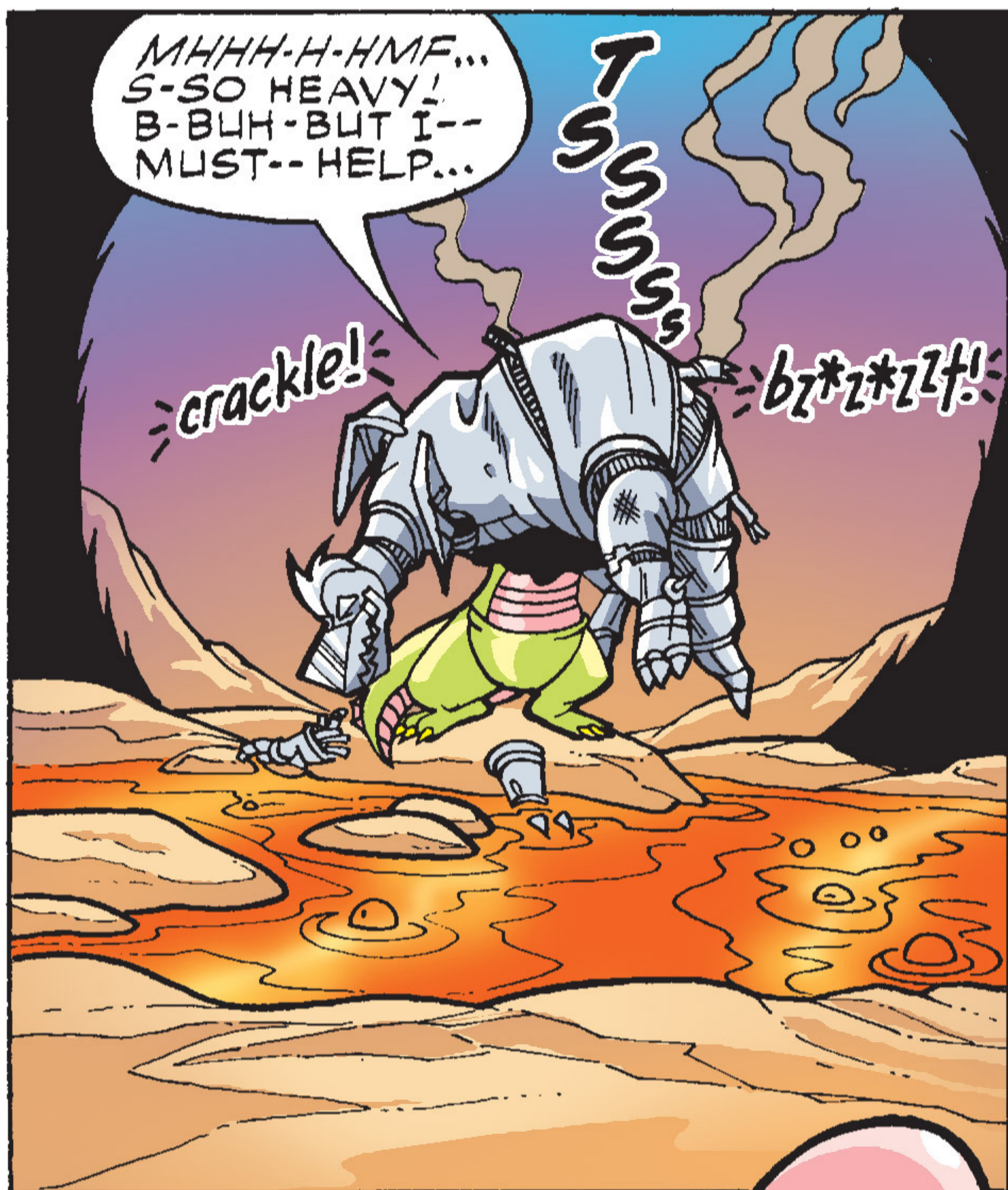
TRAITOROUS WENCH! I MIGHT HAVE KNOWN
YOU WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS INVASION
OF LIPPERWORLDEERS! TAKE HER TO THE
PILLORY AT ONCE!

NO!
GRENDL, STOP!
YOU DON'T
UNDERSTAND!
SHE SAVED
ME!

OW! OW!
OW!

SILENCE,
SPARKY! YOU
RISK MUCH, EVEN
IN THIS TIME OF
CRISIS!



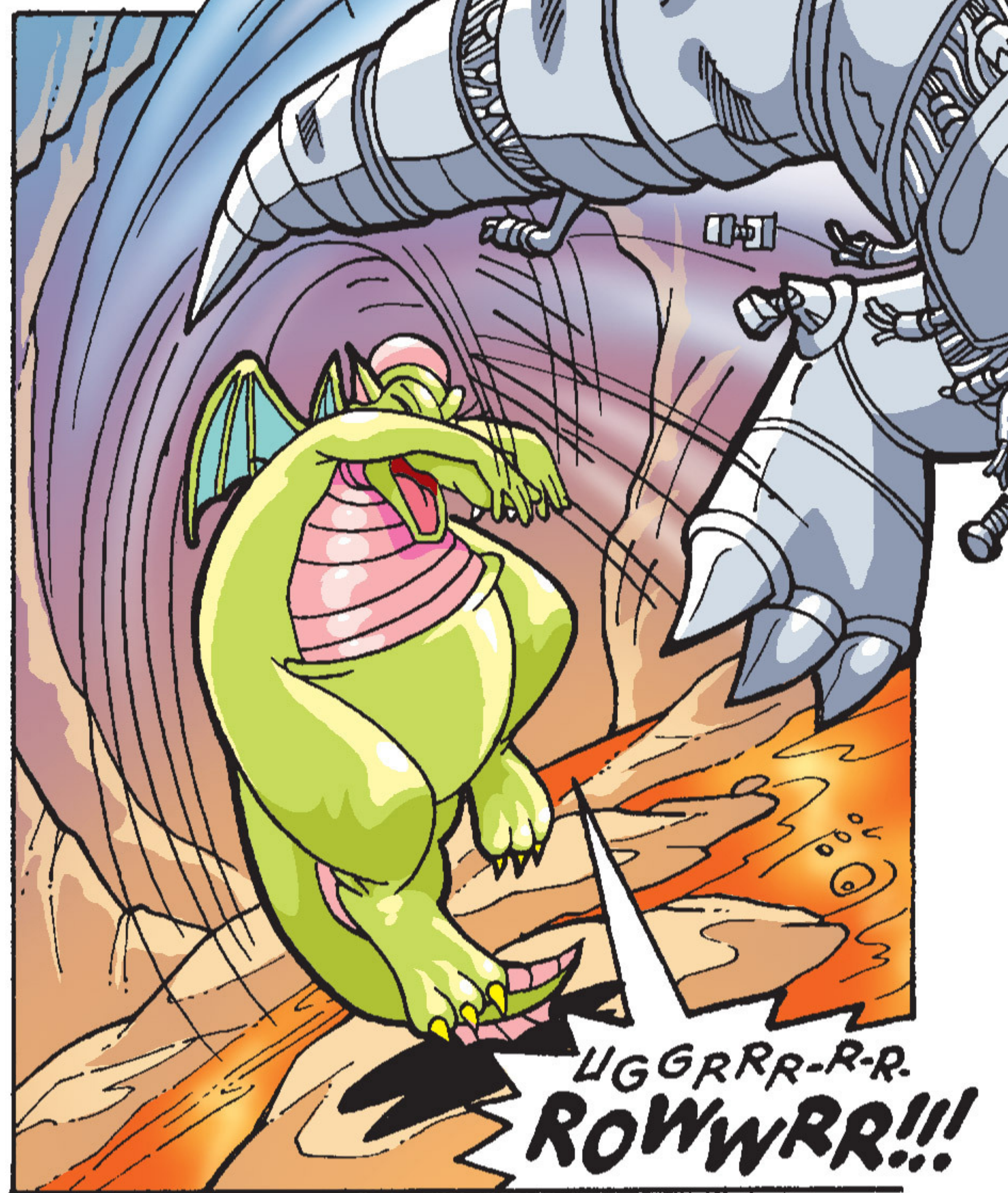


MHHH-H-HMF...
S-SO HEAVY!
B-BUH-BUT I--
MUST-- HELP...

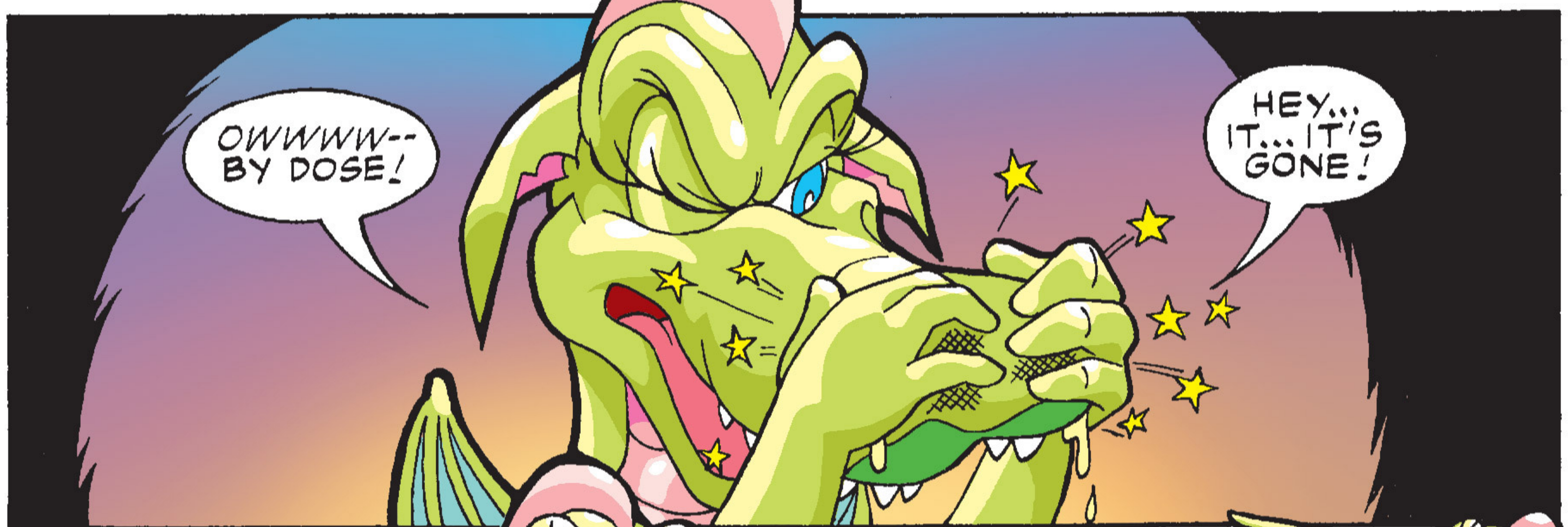
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S
S

crackle!

bz*z*z!t!

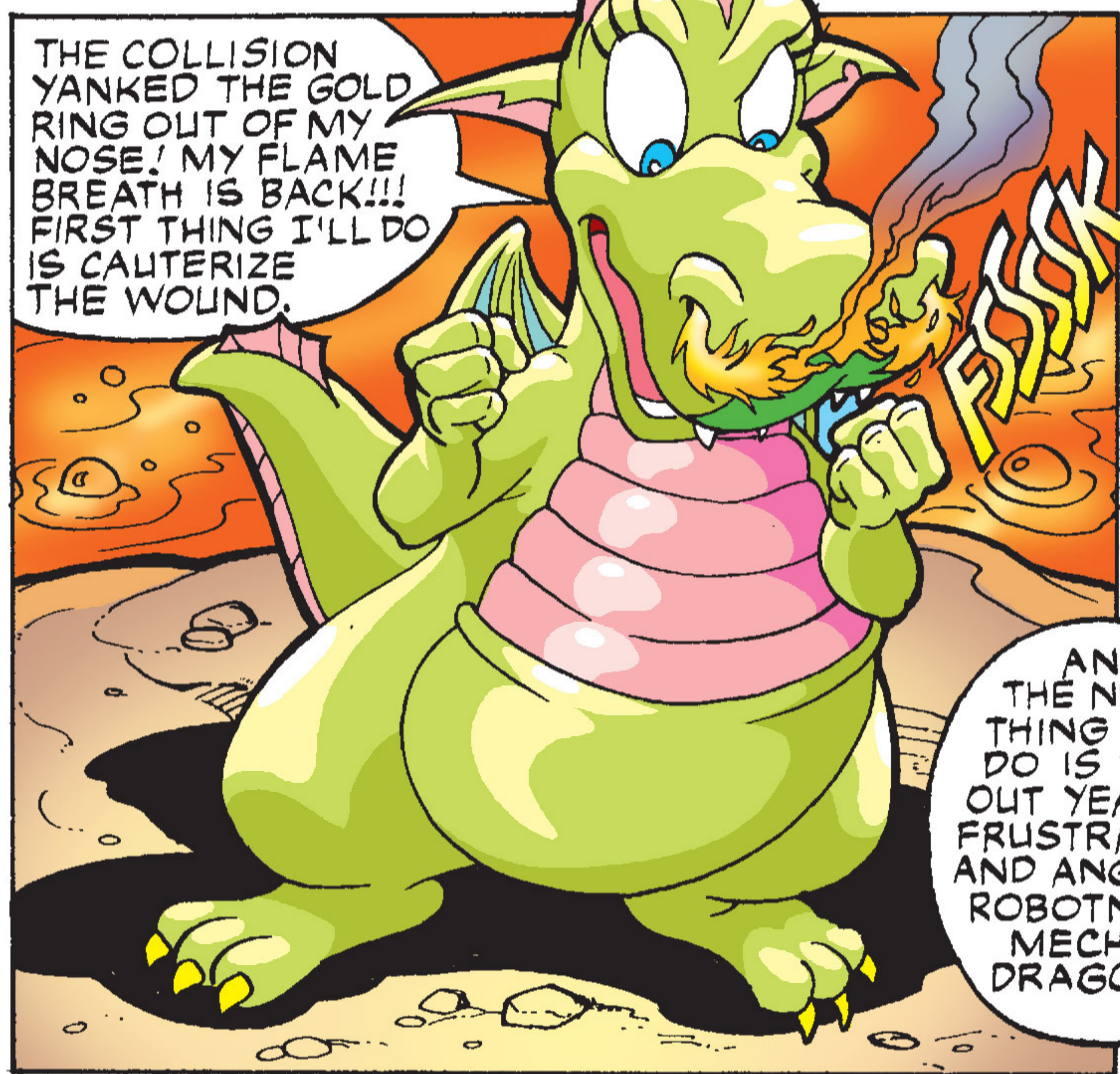


UGGRRR-R-R.
ROWWRR!!!



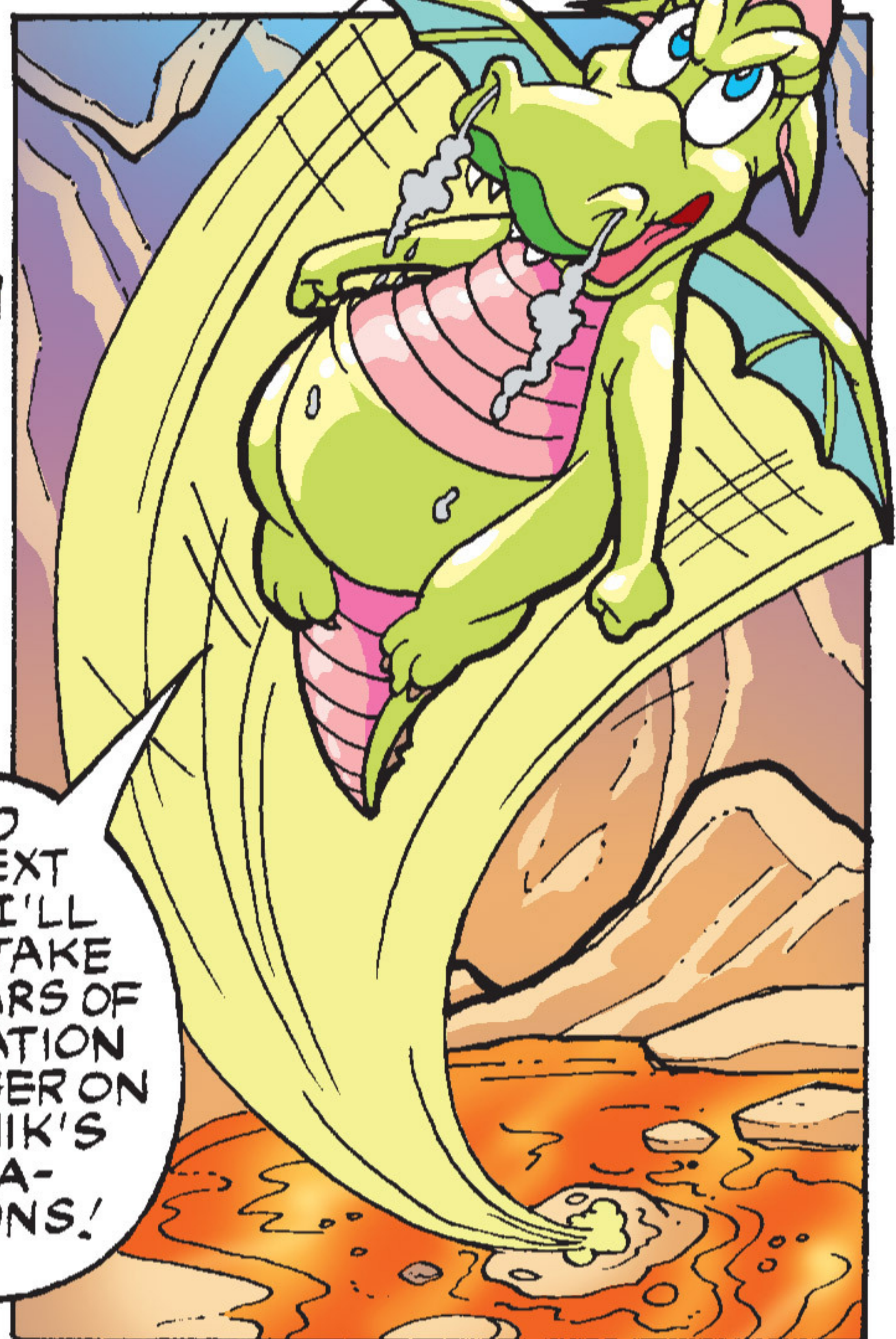
OWWWW--
BY DOSE!

HEY...
IT... IT'S
GONE!



THE COLLISION
YANKED THE GOLD
RING OUT OF MY
NOSE! MY FLAME
BREATH IS BACK!!!
FIRST THING I'LL DO
IS CAUTERIZE
THE WOUND.

AND
THE NEXT
THING I'LL
DO IS TAKE
OUT YEARS OF
FRUSTRATION
AND ANGER ON
ROBOTNIK'S
MECHA-
DRAGONS!





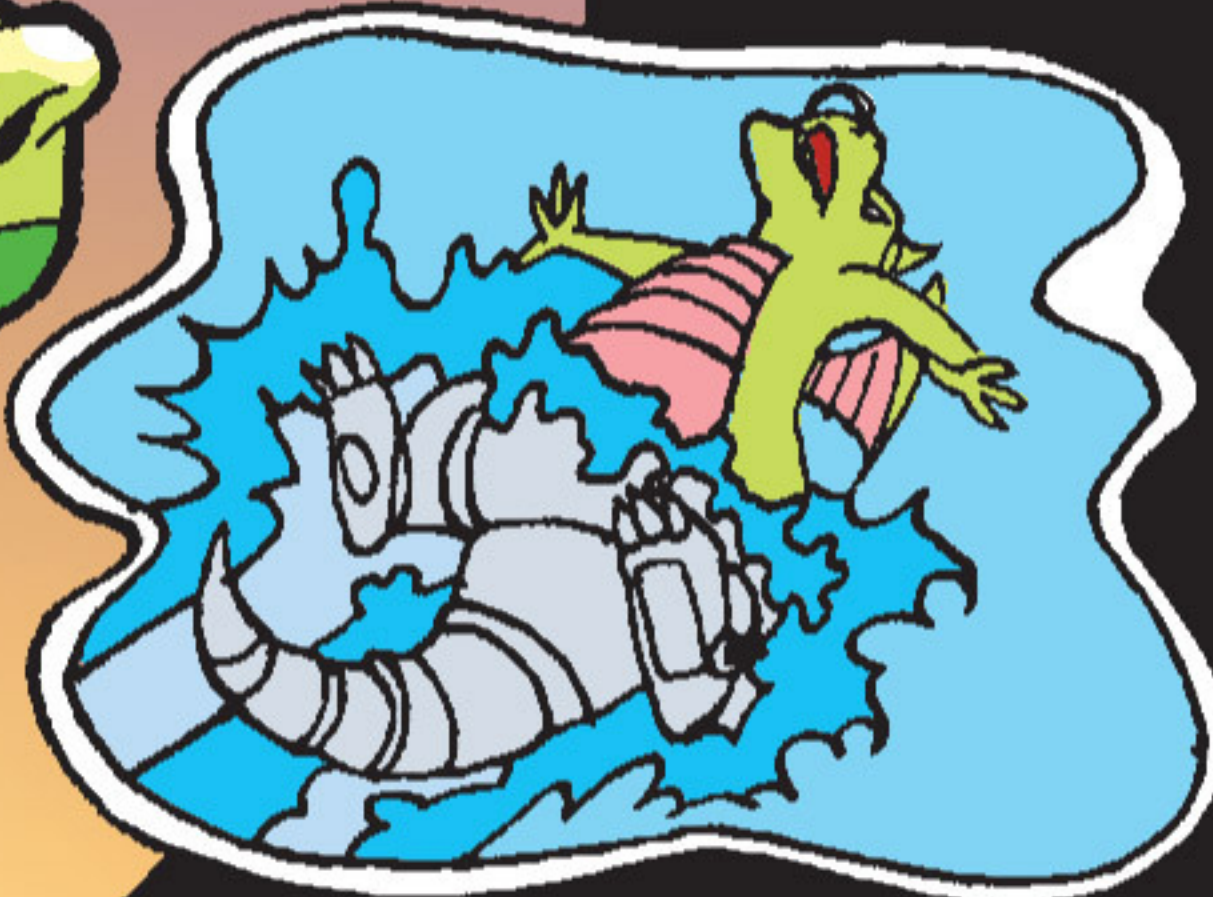
A SHORT TIME
LATER...

LOOK, DULCY... THE MOLTEN
REMAINS OF THE MECHA
DRAGONS ARE STREAMING INTO
LAVA LAKE. ALL OF VESUVIO
THANKS YOU. WHY DO YOU
SEEM SO SAD?

≡SNIFFLE≡
IT'S JUST
THAT...

KSSSSHHH

≡CHOKES≡ THOSE MECHA-
DRAGONS WERE ALL
ALIVE ONCE ≡SOB≡
INCLUDING MY MOTHER.
≡HUCK≡ AND BY MELTING
THEM, I RUINED ANY
CHANCE THAT THEY
MIGHT SOMEDAY
RETURN!



AN UNDERSTANDABLE
SENTIMENT, BUT
FORTUNATELY
UNFOUNDED...
OBSERVE!

YOU SEE? A DRAGON'S SPIRIT IS ETERNAL.
INSTEAD OF PASSING AWAY, IT RETURNS
TO THE PRIMAL FIRE AND WILL BE REBORN
IN AN UPCOMING GENERATION. YOUR
MOTHER AND ALL THE OTHERS WILL
BE BACK!

≡SOB≡ TH-THAT'S
W-WONDERFUL!

A SHORT TIME
LATER...

DULCINEA, THE DECISION
OF THE VESUVIO COUNCIL IS
UNANIMOUS. SPARKY--STEP
FORWARD!

A FULL PARDON IS
GRANTED AND YOUR
CITIZENSHIP IS
RENEWED.

SNAP

MOREOVER,
YOU SHALL BE
OUR OFFICIAL
"AMBASSADOR"
TO THE UPPER-
WORLD WHERE
WE HOPE TO
SOMEDAY
RETURN.

MOST
IMPORTANT OF
ALL, YOUR BLACK
SINGE RING IS
HEREBY RESTORED.
CARRY THE FLAME
PROUDLY.

THANK
YOU--
I
SHALL!

THE END

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